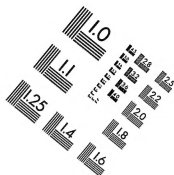


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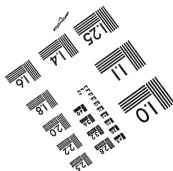
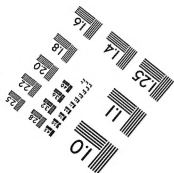
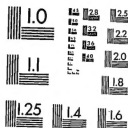
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This memorandum of agreement entered into this day  
of January eighteen hundred and seventy eight by and  
between Thomas A Edison of Menlo Park, Middlesex  
County State of New Jersey party of the first part  
and Gardner G Hubbard of Boston, <sup>State of Mass</sup> Massachusetts  
G. S. Bradley of Providence State of Rhode Island  
E. S. ~~Bowditch~~ of Cambridge State of  
Massachusetts Charles A. Cheever of the City  
County State of New York, <sup>His Honor</sup> ~~Albion L~~ Roosevelt  
of the City County and State of New York  
and Wm Painter of Washington District of  
Columbia parties of the second part.

Wettersack,

Whereas the said party of the first part is  
the inventor of a new method for recording

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and reproducing therefrom the human voice and other sounds by causing such sounds to vibrate a mobile body the movement of which are recorded by indentation, displacement, subtraction from or deposit upon any material, and the reproduction of the movement of such mobile body by causing its record or a copy thereof to give motion to another or the same body and which is more particularly set forth in the specification of his patent for which he did apply for in the United States patent office December 15- 1877, and whereas the said parties of the second part are desirous of engaging in the business of manufacturing or having manufactured and selling within the United States of America the Phonographic apparatus <sup>machines</sup> ~~connected~~ by and ~~in~~ invented by the party of the



first part for every purpose to which it can  
or may be applied except to Watches, Clocks,  
Toys of every description, ~~and telegraphs~~,

Therefore be it agreed that for and in consideration  
of the sum of ten thousand dollars in hand  
paid to the said ~~Edison~~ party of the first  
part the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged  
and for other and further valuable consideration  
hereinafter set forth  
The said Edison grants to the said parties of  
the second part Collectively but not individually  
the sole and Exclusive license and right  
to manufacture, or cause to be manufactured and  
sell within the United States of America  
only and for consumption and use in the United  
States of America only and not for export  
consumption or use in any foreign Country  
The Phonetic apparatus covered by the ~~second~~  
application dated Dec. 15-1877 as herein

set forth for every purpose to which it  
 may be applied Except Clocks and watches and  
 Toys and ~~toys~~ the right and license  
 to manufacture and sell within the United  
 States the said invention of the said party of  
 the first part when applied to Clocks and  
 watches having previous to this Contract been  
 granted by the said Edison, <sup>son of</sup> to, Daniel N  
 Somers of the City Co and State of New York  
 and ~~the~~ Davis of Brooklyn Kings Co  
 State of New York a copy of which Contract  
 is hereto annexed and the right & license  
 to manufacture and sell within the  
 United States the phonetic apparatus of  
 the said Edison when applied to Toys  
 for the use of children granted by the  
 said Edison to Oliver D Russell of  
 the City Co State of New York  
 previous to this Contract a copy of which  
 is also hereto annexed, which contract <sup>has been</sup> the said  
 party of the second part hereby agrees to except from and  
 recognize as not herein granted to them

The said right license hereby granted to the said  
parties of the said part. and this Contract is to  
continue during the existence of the patent.  
Provided that

Providing however that the said parties of the  
second part 2. <sup>separately or collectively</sup> ~~from themselves~~ <sup>into a joint</sup>  
~~stock company~~ with.

hereof with a fund for the purpose of said business as  
than fifty thousand dollars, which shall be paid to the  
for the sale of such subject of manufacturing and  
Edison's phonographic apparatus of the  
paid Edison within the United States.  
~~The money capital of such companies~~  
~~said~~ to build up a permanent  
business ~~and for the exploitation of~~  
manufacture ~~to sell~~ of such apparatus.  
The portion of second part well as trial  
the same.

~~manufacture~~ <sup>to sell</sup> of such apparatus  
~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~of the second part~~ <sup>will</sup> ~~shall~~ <sup>pay</sup> to the said Edison  
~~Twenty percent on the actual selling price~~  
~~of all apparatus~~ <sup>what</sup> ~~of the~~ <sup>same</sup> ~~made sold or delivered~~ and shall make  
~~due and correct return~~ ~~thereof~~ <sup>under oath</sup> on or before the full next day <sup>following</sup>  
~~the said~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the said~~ <sup>paying</sup> ~~the said~~ <sup>such</sup> ~~statements~~

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of each & every month of all sales of such  
 objects made and sold or delivered, during  
 the previous month, <sup>to the book and accounts of all persons & places</sup> ~~to the book and accounts of all persons & places~~  
 It is expressly agreed and understood by the  
 said parties of the second part that the  
 main consideration in this contract is  
 the sum of <sup>to the said Edison</sup> ~~the sum of~~ <sup>one</sup> ~~one~~ per cent <sup>payable on the net sales of all objects of all persons & places</sup> ~~payable on the net sales of all objects of all persons & places~~ up to be paid by them  
 the said parties of the second part to  
 the said party of the first part, promptly  
 and at the time herein mentioned ~~and~~ <sup>that</sup>  
 that the sum of ten thousand dollars  
 paid to the said Edison is the consideration  
 to the said Edison to enter into this contract  
<sup>and that the book and accounts herein set forth to</sup>  
~~with~~ the said parties of the second part;

the said Edison shall exercise reasonable diligence in  
 endeavoring to perfect the said phonetic invention  
 in its details and in the different forms and devices  
 most adapted to general use; and he shall pay the  
 expenses of so doing himself. <sup>and Edison</sup> If the said Edison  
 shall not have succeeded during one year from the  
 date hereof in so developing and perfecting <sup>the said</sup> ~~the said~~  
 invention the parties of the second part shall have  
 the privilege of terminating this agreement  
 upon written notice to that effect, in which  
 case the said Edison, <sup>and the</sup> ~~and the~~ party of the second part shall  
 have the privilege of discharging every obligation  
 to the parties of the second part and relieving his  
 said invention from every claim in the future  
 by the assignment to the parties of the second  
 part or either of them, in trust for the above, the sum of \$5000.

Said Edison fail within one year from the date hereof fail to ~~perfect the said~~  
 his said invention so as to render it  
~~immediately available~~ <sup>undevoted and not available</sup> to the public ~~the said~~  
<sup>if he so desire</sup> he shall return Eight thousand  
 \* dollar of the said sum of ten thousand  
 to this said party of the second part, but  
<sup>such a sum</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>is to be null and</sup> ~~the contract shall be~~ all right  
<sup>therein</sup> is to be ~~quint~~ <sup>quint</sup> ~~summed~~  
 by the said party of the 2nd part to  
 the said Edison if ~~the so check~~,

~~or to demand~~  
 \* It is further agreed that they the  
 said party of the second part will  
 use reasonable diligence in procuring  
 & establishing a permanent business  
 for the sale of such apparatus <sup>with us</sup> as herein  
 provided.

He further agreed that if he in part of  
 the said part fail to render a true and  
 correct monthly statement of all sales  
 for each and every month during the  
 term of the contract, as herein  
 provided, <sup>if the monthly sale of the article has commenced</sup> or fail to pay the royalty  
 of twenty per cent on the selling  
 price of all article or apparatus  
 containing the invention of the said  
 Edison <sup>within</sup> the period herein mentioned  
 or do not use reasonable diligence  
<sup>in prosecuting</sup> ~~in prosecuting~~ upon the business of making  
 and selling such apparatus within the  
 U.S. then the said Edison shall have  
 the right to terminate the agreement  
 and it shall be null and void and  
 all rights and license and the said  
 part of the said patent shall have no claim upon the said Edison  
~~and of the said Edison shall~~ <sup>being</sup> ~~never to be made~~ <sup>to the said</sup>  
~~Edison for any money that~~ <sup>have been paid to him</sup>

It is further agreed that the said Edison  
 will at his own expense protect as far as  
 lays within his power the said invention  
 from piracy or infringement, and all  
 improvements <sup>upon</sup> ~~to the said~~ apparatus for the  
 recording and reproduction of the human  
 voice or other sounds made except when  
<sup>such improvements</sup> they relate to and are for specific use  
 in telegraphy, <sup>specifically adapted</sup> which may be made by the <sup>said Edison</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>within the next ten years</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>from the date hereof</sup>  
 said Edison within ~~the next ten years~~ <sup>from the date hereof</sup> ~~ten years~~  
 are to come within the provisions  
 of the Contract ~~and the same shall be~~  
~~and the said Edison is to receive the percentage before mentioned upon~~  
~~the amount paid for the same in the manner of~~  
~~the amount paid for the same in the manner of~~  
~~and improvements;~~  
 It is further agreed that to more particularly  
 define and <sup>to</sup> enable the said Edison to  
 receive a just and equitable consideration  
~~not subject to~~ through the medium of  
 the twenty per cent royalty <sup>to be</sup> paid him  
~~and it is he and not subject to it is hereby~~

Expressly agreed that the minimum selling price for each and every apparatus for the recording and reproduction of the human voice or musical sound shall not be less than Eighty dollars. But if at any future time it can be shown to the satisfaction of the said Edison that it would be advantageous ~~to sell~~ to both parties to this Contract to sell at a lower sum or should any other person at any future time devise an apparatus for a similar purpose not in infringement of the invention of the said Edison renders it necessary by its ~~own~~ competition in the market to sell at a lower sum then the said Edison shall name a lower sum to enable the said parties of the second part to compete with the said other apparatus with

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the parties a better discrimination in the  
 rights of use shall be made between  
 any corporation or individual when  
 such corporation desire to buy and use  
 in their business and not for resale to  
 others,

~~if any person or persons shall be granted~~  
~~rights to the said plant or other~~  
~~except for the whole of the said plant~~  
~~for the purpose of the said plant~~  
~~the said plant shall be considered as~~  
~~the property of the said plant~~

(Gardiner & Halden)

- 1<sup>st</sup> N. & associates to pay, Edison \$10,000 Cash to be expended in perfecting the Phonograph for its various uses
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Edison to enter into Contract with N. & associates granting them the sole & exclusive right to manufacture & sell within the U.S. only (the clock & toy contracts excepted) the Phonograph on a royalty of 20% during the life of the Patents
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Edison to retain title to the Patent to pay all expenses in defending such Patent against infringers. to agree that all improvements on the Phonograph shall come under the Contract
- 4<sup>th</sup> N. & associates to organize a Co within one year with sufficient Capital to coachback invention in all parts of the Country in a first class manner & to supply all demands therefor
- 5<sup>th</sup> That after expiration of one year N. & associates have not organized such Co & have not used reasonable diligence in introducing the invention The \$10,000 is to be forfeited but this is to be fully set forth in the Contract

6<sup>th</sup> Eight thousand of the ten thousand Dollars is to be repaid to paid Hubbard & associates if Edison does not within the year produce Phonographs which shall be fitted for as machines for reproducing dictating letters or musical compositions - a failure to do perfect the contract is to be void at their option. N & associates making \$2000 to ascertain the practicability. The Payment of royalties to be quarterly as in my clock contract which with the Toy contract is to be excepted from this contract.

7<sup>th</sup> Edison agrees if any other person or persons shall prove any right to use such Phonographic apparatus except for watches & toys aforesaid such rights shall be considered as coming under this contract.

Edison to be Director with 1/20 of the profit

6<sup>th</sup> In case said business company  
is not organized ~~as before~~  
~~formed~~ ~~to be~~ as incorporated  
within one year. Said parties  
will redesign said patent  
right which Edison can expect  
from him per form any  
such circumstances made  
by him -

7 Said Edison to be a trustee  
of said company & said it by  
his counsel advised -

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1-30-1878

This memorandum of agreement entered into  
this Thirtieth day of January, Eighteen Hun-  
dred and Seventy Eight by and between  
Thomas A. Edison of Menlo Park, Middlesex  
County, State of New Jersey, party of the  
first part and Gardner E. Hubbard of Boston  
State of Massachusetts, E. E. Bradley of  
Providence, State of Rhode Island, Chas.  
A. Cheever of the City, County and State of  
New York, Hilbourne E. Roosevelt of the  
City, County and State of New York and  
W. H. Painter of Washington, District of  
Columbia, parties of the second part  
Witnesseth:

Whereas the said party of the first part  
is the inventor of a new method of re-  
cording and reproducing therefrom the  
human voices and other sounds by caus-  
ing such sounds to vibrate a mobile body,  
the movements of which are recorded by  
indentations, displacement, subtraction  
from or deposit upon any material, and  
the reproduction of the movements of  
such mobile body by causing its record  
or a copy thereof to give motion to an-  
other or the same body and which is more  
particularly set forth in the specification  
of his patent for which he did apply for  
in the United States Patent Office December

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15<sup>th</sup> 1877 and—

Whereas, the said parties of the second part are desirous of engaging in the business of manufacturing or having manufactured and selling within the United States of America, the Phonographic apparatus and method invented by the party of the first part for every purpose to which it can or may be applied except to Stitches blocks. Toys of every description

Therefore be it agreed that for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars in hand paid to the said party of the first part the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and for other and further valuable considerations, stipulations and agreements hereinafter set forth:

The said Edison grants to the said parties of the second part collectively but not individually the sole and exclusive power and right to manufacture or cause to be manufactured and sell within the United States of America only and for consumption and use in the United States of America only and not for export consumption or use in any foreign country

The phonetic apparatus covered by the application dated December 15<sup>th</sup> 1874 as herein set forth, for every purpose to which it may be applied except Clocks and Watches and Toys, certain rights and licenses to manufacture and sell within the United States the said invention of the said party of the first part when applied to Clocks and watches having previous to this contract been granted by the said Edison jointly to Daniel H. Bonebrake of the City, County and State of New York and H. J. Davies of Brooklyn, Kings County, State of New York a copy of which contract is hereto annexed and certain rights and licenses to manufacture and sell within the United States the Phonetic apparatus of the said Edison when applied to Toys for the use of children, granted by the said Edison to Oliver H. Russell of the City, County and State of New York previous to this contract a copy of which is also hereto annexed, which Contractors rights and licenses the said parties of the second part hereby agree to except from and recognizes as not herein granted to them the said right and licenses <sup>hereto</sup> granted to the said parties of the second part and this contract as to continue during the

existence of the patent providing however that the said parties of the second part do separately or collectively within one year from the date hereof furnish for the purpose of the said business a capital of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars to be used for the sole object of manufacturing and selling the Phonographic apparatus of the said Edison within the United States and to build up a permanent business in the manufacture and sale of such apparatus; and the parties of the second part shall will and truly pay to the said Edison twenty per cent on the actual selling price of all apparatus or articles made sold or delivered and shall make true and correct returns under oath on or before the fifteenth day of each and every month of all sales of such apparatus made and sold or delivered during the previous month and allow the said Edison to have access to the Books and accounts at all reasonable times

It is expressly agreed and understood by the said parties of the second part that the main consideration to the said Edison in this contract is the twenty per cent royalty on the actual selling price of all apparatus containing the phonetic invention



of the said Edison to be paid by them the said parties of the second part to the said party of the first part promptly and at the time herein mentioned and that the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars paid to <sup>as the consideration to the said Edison</sup> the said Edison to enter into this contract and grant the exclusive privileges herein set forth to the said parties of the second part

It is known understood and agreed that the said sum of Ten Thousand Dollars is to be used by the said Edison to perfect the said Phonographic invention so as to render it of great practical value for many uses such as the reproduction of speeches and musical compositions. If the said Edison shall not within one year from this date hereof succeed in so developing and perfecting a satisfactory apparatus for dictating letters or reproducing musical compositions then in that case the parties of the second part shall have the privilege of terminating this agreement upon written notice to the party of the first part to that effect and this agreement shall then cease and become null and void providing the said Edison shall at the time of receiving said notice or within fifteen days thereafter pay to the party of the second part

the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000.)  
 In the event of the said Edison upon such  
 notice failing to pay the Eight Thousand  
 Dollars as herein above stated then and in  
 that case this agreement shall continue in  
 force the same as if said notice had not  
 been given by the party of the second part.  
 And it is further agreed that if the said  
 Edison shall not return to the party of  
 the second part Eight Thousand Dollars  
 (\$8000) as herein before provided for, the  
 said party of the second part shall still  
 have the right to terminate this agreement.  
 It is further agreed that <sup>they</sup> the said parties of  
 the second part will use reasonable diligence  
 in prosecuting and establishing a perman-  
 ent business for the sale of such apparatus  
 in the United States as herein provided.  
 It is further agreed if the said parties of the  
 second part fail to render a true and correct  
 monthly statement of all sales for each and  
 every month during the continuance of this  
 contract as herein provided after the man-  
 ufacture and sale of the article has commen-  
 ced or fails to pay the royalty of twenty per cent  
 on the selling price of all articles or appa-  
 ratus containing the inventions of the said  
 Edison as aforesaid at the periods herein

mentioned or do not use reasonable diligence in establishing and prosecuting the business of making and selling such apparatus within the United States then the said Edison shall have the right to terminate this agreement and it shall be null and void and all rights and licenses and the said parties of the second part shall have no claims upon the said Edison for any money that may have been paid to him. It is further agreed that if at the expiration of one year from the date hereof the said parties of the second part shall have failed to furnish Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose aforesaid then the said Edison shall have the right to terminate this agreement but shall have no further claims upon the said parties of the second part. It is further agreed that the said Edison will at his own expense protect as far as lays within his power the said invention from piracy or infringement and all improvements upon apparatus for the recording and reproducing of the human voice or other sounds except when such improvements relate to and are for specific use in telegraphy and solely adapted thereto and clocks watches and Toys aforesaid

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which may be made by the said Edison within a certain years from the date hereof as to come within the provisions of this contract and the said Edison as to receive the percentage before mentioned upon all articles containing said improvements. To enable the said Edison to receive a just and equitable consideration through the medium of the twenty per cent royalty to be paid him it is hereby expressly agreed that the minimum selling price for each and every apparatus for the recording and reproduction of the human voice or musical sounds shall not be less than Eighty dollars. And if at any future time it can be shown to the satisfaction of the said Edison that it would be advantageous to both parties to this contract to sell at a lesser sum or should any other person at any future time devise an apparatus for a similar purpose not an infringement of the invention of the said Edison and under it necessary by its competition in the market to sell at a lesser sum than the said Edison shall name a lesser sum to enable the said parties

of the second part to compete with the said other apparatus with profit but no discrimination in the matter of price shall be made between any Corporation or individual where such Corporation desires to buy and use in their business and not for resale to others

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this thirtieth day of January 1878

Witness

W K Applebaugh

for H. L. R. C. & Co.

C. L. H. & T. A. & Co.

Witness

R. W. Stevenson

Cardinal C. Hubbard

Hilbourne S. Rosewell

George S. Bradley

Chas. A. Scherer

W. H. Painter

Thos. A. Edison

Whereas on 20 of February 20, 1878 <sup>and duly performed</sup> in consideration of services performed by James Adams of New York 22 of perfecting the Phonographic apparatus above mentioned Cherry agrees to pay to the said Adams his heirs <sup>(which is to say five dollars on each hand sold)</sup> on legal representatives five C per cent for all monies which may arise from royalties from the sale of machines under the above contract. It is understood that under the above executed contract the said Edison receives but fifteen per cent thereon in return for the said Edison being under contract to pay W. H. Painter of Washington D. C. five per cent of the said twenty per cent for services performed in obtaining such contract. It is understood that the said Adams is not

to receive any part of the ten thousand dollars paid  
to the said Edison to authorize in experimenting  
This contract shall be binding upon the heirs or  
legal representatives of the said Edison

Witness

W. C. C. C.

Thos A Edison

This agreement entered into this 1st day  
of July, by & between T A Edison & C  
M P. Mox & Co. State of N.Y. party of the first part  
and Oliver D Russell, of the City of New York  
party of the second part, witnesseth,  
Whereas the said Edison is the inventor  
of a new process for recording & reproducing  
therefrom sounds of various kinds such as  
talking, music, etc. and has duly applied for a  
patent for the same in the US Patent Office  
and whereas it is the desire of the said Edison  
& Russell to apply such process to various  
uses of children's toys, which serve as such as dolls, <sup>automata</sup>  
for causing such dolls <sup>to</sup> speak  
or make certain sounds  
~~several specific sentences~~ or make various  
sounds, and to <sup>toys</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>toys</sup> which speak several  
specific sentences or for <sup>toys</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>toys</sup> which  
shall play but one time, and to all manner of  
toys which are solely for the use of children  
and no useful purpose in the business of

~~Commonwealth~~ ~~business~~, and of obtaining an  
 and ~~exclusive~~ ~~exclusive~~ license from the said  
 Edison to manufacture ~~sell~~ <sup>such the apparatus</sup>  
~~Embodiment~~ such process to the <sup>said</sup> trade for a  
 period of 5 years from the date hereof  
 and Extension from that time as hereafter  
 provided,

Therefore be it agreed that for and in  
 Consideration of the sum of one dollar  
 in hand paid to me the said Edison by  
 the said Russell the receipt of which  
 is hereby acknowledged & for other & full  
 Valuable Consideration of the said  
 Edison Do here by grant & give unto the  
 said Russell the sole right and  
 License to manufacture ~~sell~~ <sup>the</sup>  
~~apparatus~~ ~~invented~~ ~~by me~~ for the  
 reproduction to the trade, apparatus for  
 reproducing the human voice & other sounds.  
<sup>which apparatus is only applied to</sup>  
<sup>which are only applicable to</sup> toys for the  
 use of children and which are serve no  
 useful purpose in the transaction of business  
~~or the reproduction~~ or has a value in any art  
 science or trade other than the toy trade



Providing however, that the said Russell, will invest  
 sufficient capital <sup>at once</sup> in such business to supply the  
 demand for such apparatus and use diligence  
 in promoting the same & establishing a  
 permanent business <sup>for the sale of</sup> ~~the~~ apparatus  
 and that <sup>he</sup> ~~will~~ <sup>within a</sup> ~~month~~ <sup>period of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>three</sup> ~~months~~ <sup>months</sup> ~~shall~~ <sup>shall</sup> ~~submit~~ <sup>submit</sup>  
 to the said Edison a full sales ~~and which~~ statement  
 shall be sworn to in the manner provided for  
 royally Contract and the payment to the  
 said Edison <sup>by the said Russell</sup> of the 10 per cent of the  
~~gross~~ <sup>gross</sup> receipts from such sales <sup>within</sup> on the 15th  
 of the month following, and a failure to comply  
~~with such a forfeiture of the said~~  
 It is further agreed on the part of the said  
 Edison that <sup>if</sup> at any time during the  
 term of the Contract ~~it shall be~~  
~~to the satisfaction of the said Edison~~  
 the said Russell desires to apply the  
 apparatus herein mentioned to other toys  
 not mentioned in the Schedule 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.  
 Then he shall have the right to so apply  
 and it shall come under the provisions  
 of the Contract. Provided however  
 that <sup>the thing</sup> ~~such application~~ shall be to which

the application is allowed to be made is strictly a toy for the use and amusement of children which shall be <sup>not</sup> useful in business transactions or in the arts or sciences; <sup>or any useful purpose other than the invention is made of</sup> Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to give the said Russell, any right to manufacture, <sup>or</sup> have manufactured or sell the apparatus herein mentioned except when applied to the <sup>toy</sup> articles mentioned in the Schedule or which may be added <sup>to such schedule</sup> by consent of the said Edison <sup>by</sup> ~~for the purpose of the Contract as herein~~ provided =

It is further <sup>agreed</sup> provided that the said Edison will grant & does hereby grant to the said Russell the right to make six Spky Phonographs to be used solely at the place or places of manufacture to produce original matrix's to enable dies or electotypes to be made therefrom for the rapid duplication of such records for application to the Toys aforesaid, and they are to be used for no other purpose;

Hereafter agreed that should the said  
 Russell fail to <sup>render</sup> ~~make~~ <sup>monthly</sup> ~~statements~~ <sup>or fail</sup>  
<sup>for each month during the term of the contract as herein provided</sup>  
 to pay the sums due said Edison at the  
 times herein mentioned or should the latter  
 royally paid the said Edison be less  
 than \$6000 <sup>in each year</sup> ~~per year~~ ~~commencing~~ ~~from~~  
~~month from the date hereof~~ then the  
 said Edison shall have the right to  
 terminate the agreement upon giving  
 two months previous notice in writing  
<sup>it is further provided</sup>  
~~that the royalties paid to the~~  
~~said Edison be not less than \$600 in~~  
~~each and every year then this during~~  
~~the five years in~~ that this  
 contract shall be extended from year to  
 year after ~~the~~ <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> termination of the  
 contract it may be extended from year to  
 year provided all its provisions have been  
 carried out in good faith and the sums  
 royally paid said Edison has not been  
 less than \$6000 in the <sup>year</sup> ~~year~~ previous  
 year to that to which it is to be extended.

2  
This agreement..

Whereas the said Edison is the inventor of a process and apparatus for recording and reproducing the human voice and various other sounds and has applied for a patent upon the same in the United States patent office,

And whereas the said Russell is desirous of engaging in the business of manufacturing or having manufactured and selling to the trade apparatus which embody this process, <sup>in the United States</sup> when applied to the following Toys,  
First. Dolls which speak several sentences or make various sounds,  
Second. <sup>to</sup> A Toy musical box which shall produce but one tune either vocal or instrumental and suitable <sup>out</sup> for children.

Third. <sup>to</sup> A Toy speaking box which shall reproduce several sentences, ~~containing~~ <sup>containing</sup> not more than 60 words, and ~~suitable only for children~~ <sup>suitable for children</sup>

fourth, <sup>To Toy</sup> Dogs cats and various animals and reptiles  
~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> make various sounds, <sup>& To Toy</sup> Make and female  
human figure to utter short sentences.

Fifth, To Toy Engines, to whistle & imitate the  
sound of the Exhaust of steam  
~~to~~ <sup>5th</sup> To Toy Targets,

Therefore be it agreed that for and in consideration  
of the sum of one dollar in hand paid to the said  
Edison by the said Russell the receipt of  
which is hereby acknowledged, and for other  
<sup>valuable</sup> ~~valuable~~ <sup>agreements</sup> ~~considerations~~ <sup>hereinafter</sup> mentioned  
the said Edison grants unto the said Russell  
the sole & exclusive <sup>here</sup> right to manufacture or  
cause to be manufactured the said  
~~apparatus~~ <sup>apparatus</sup> necessary to and to sell to the  
trade apparatus applicable to the articles  
enumerated in the <sup>scheduled number</sup> 1 2 3 4 & 5th,  
within the <sup>limitation of time</sup> only  
for a period of 5 years from the date  
hereof. <sup>for which</sup> The said Edison is to

~~Provide~~ receive ten per cent ~~off~~ <sup>on</sup>  
on all ~~gross~~ <sup>net</sup> sales ~~of the~~ <sup>to the</sup>  
~~the price of each article~~ <sup>to the</sup>

List of Toys

Dolls.

Toys of Male and Female figures.

Toys of Animals Birds & Reptiles

Mechanical Toys

Toy Talking Box

" Singing "

Magnetic Toys

Magic Lanterns

Balloons

Notch Boxes

Toy Musical Instruments

Targets

Alphabetic Blocks.

Toy Animals.

Oliver J. Russell,

Clocks & Time keepers  
Contract made with  
Daniel M. Somers  
and Henry J. Davis  
on Manufacture Price

Printed /

This agreement entered into this                      day of January eighteen hundred and twenty eight by and between Thomas A. Edison of Montic Park, Middlesex Co. State of New Jersey and Oliver O. Russell of the city county and state of New York, witnesses:—

Whereas the said Edison is the inventor of a new <sup>method</sup> ~~apparatus~~ "for record and reproducing therefrom the human voice and other sounds, by causing such sounds to vibrate a mobile body the movements of which are recorded by indentations, displacement, substitution from or deposit upon any material, and the reproduction of the movements of such mobile body by causing it to record <sup>or a copy thereof</sup> to give motion to another or the same mobile body", for which he <sup>did</sup> ~~has~~ apply for a patent in the United States Patent Office, December 15<sup>th</sup> 1877, and whereas the said Russell is desirous of engaging in the business of manufacturing or having manufactured and selling to the Toy Trade ~~apparatus which embody this invention~~ <sup>apparatus intended to produce</sup> ~~the same~~ <sup>the said</sup> applied to the following toys. First To enable to speak ~~the~~ <sup>sixty words</sup> ~~or make various~~ <sup>or make</sup> sounds.

Second—To a toy musical box which shall produce but one tune, either vocal or instrumental and suitable only for children.

Third To a Toy speaking box which shall reproduce several sentences, containing not ~~more~~ <sup>than</sup> sixty words in all.

Fourth To Toy Animal, <sup>Birds</sup> and reptiles to make various





~~the goods shall be made before the fifteenth day of the first month following, and shall be~~

It is further agreed on the part of the said Edison that if at any time during the continuance of this agreement the said Russell desires to apply the apparatus herein mentioned to other Toys <sup>which is for</sup> not mentioned ~~in the schedule numbered 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100~~.

then he shall have the right to ~~make~~ make and sell such apparatus for that application and it shall come under the provisions of this contract; Provided however, that the toy to which the application is desired to be made is strictly a toy for the use and amusement of children and which shall ~~be~~ not be useful in business transactions or in the arts, sciences, or for any useful purpose other than for the instruction and amusement of children; It being expressly agreed and understood by the said Russell that nothing in this Contract shall be construed to give him the said Russell any right whatsoever to manufacture, or caused to be manufactured or sell or grant to others any rights to manufacture or sell ~~the~~ any apparatus embodying the <sup>invention of</sup> ~~presented by~~ ~~the~~ said Edison ~~and~~ hereinafter except when such apparatus is applied to the Toy articles <sup>mentioned</sup> ~~mentioned~~ ~~in the schedule numbered~~ ~~1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100~~ <sup>as</sup> be added thereto, ~~as provided for~~ ~~in the schedule numbered~~ ~~1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100~~ herein provided.

\* It is further agreed that the said Edison will grant

and does hereby grant to the said Russell the right to make to ~~make~~ <sup>use</sup> ~~the~~ Speaking Phonographs to be used solely at the place or places of their manufacture to produce original matrices to enable dies, or electrotypes or casts to be made from the same records produced by such machines for the rapid multiplication of such records to be used in the Toys aforesaid; and these machines are to be used for no other purposes;

It is further agreed that if the said Russell fails, to render a <sup>monthly</sup> statement of all sales for each and every month during the continuance of this contract as herein provided or fails to pay the sum due the said Edison <sup>on account of royalty</sup> or if the total sum paid the said Edison <sup>commencing January 1st 1901</sup> shall be less than six thousand dollars in each and every year then the said said Edison shall have the right to terminate the agreement and it shall become null and void upon giving <sup>three months previous notice in writing</sup> or the said Edison may <sup>at that time</sup> ~~transfer~~ <sup>sell</sup> the same to whomsoever he may think fit.

It is further provided that after the termination of this Contract <sup>at the option of the said Russell</sup> it may be extended from year to year, <sup>month</sup> providing all its provisions have been carried out in good faith and

the aforesaid said Edison has not been less than <sup>\$10,000</sup> ~~\$10,000~~ and dollars in the year previous to <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ date of its termination. It is further agreed <sup>with</sup> ~~with~~ part of the said Russell that he will not ~~transfer~~ <sup>sell</sup> this Contract to any other person or persons without the written consent of the said Edison.

This further provided that the rate of Big <sup>the</sup> ~~Channel~~ dollars per year is to be calculated from a period six months after the date of the agreement to allow the Board Russell ~~to~~ to experiment apply & create a trade w/ such opportunity.

1. The first part of the document is a letter from the Secretary of the Board of Directors to the Board of Directors, dated 1900. The letter is addressed to the Board of Directors and is signed by the Secretary.

## The Telephone Company of New York.

32 TRIBUNE BUILDING.

HILBORNE L. ROOSEVELT  
CHARLES A. CREEVER, ManagersNew York, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 1898

Dear Edison

Yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> received with the card of Richmond and Harris, and letter from University of Rochester, many thanks for same. I know Richmond & Harris as they are in the punch business. Harris called on me Saturday afternoon.

Now my dear fellow if you go getting off on your ear the way you have done this time you and I will have a row. Did you suppose for a minute that I had any doubt that you were going to get the bonds or whether it is any of my business any how whether you got the bonds or whether you did not, that was your look out. We agreed to pay you the money and it was none of our business what you did with it, what I said was merely as a suggestion.

Mr Hubbard writes that he approves of the plan of having the 500 small Phonographs made, says of course not to deliver any until after the patent is issued but that it will be no harm to be getting them ready.

Let me have the model one as

O A Greener  
Feb 11, 1878

soon as possible and I will then go for the kids. Cannot you get up some easy way of putting the tin foil around them smooth, seems to me it might be done some way by first wrapping it on a roller and then rolling it round. I find the greenhorns & I know how it is myself & will have difficulty at first in putting the foil on smooth. Mr Hubbard has seen Painter who says that the Patent office have been waiting for some amendment of the specifications to be made by Serrell, that if the amendments are made and in the office before next Saturday the patent can be issued the following week. Mr Hubbard also says that if it is convenient and agreeable he should like to have Mr Pollok (his attorney in Washington) see the specification

Yours truly  
Chas A Greener

Form 7.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD CO.'S TELEGRAPH

[Telegraph.]

Received, A.P. Office, Sark Operator, 1130 a.m. July 21st  
From New York For P.D. Sullivan  
Barb. R. H.

When Will Shot Machine  
promised on Monday  
be here sig. C.

J. Reed

O A Chewer

Feb 24 78

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(Feb. 27)

~~Edison~~

Chas. A. Cheever

Tribune Building

ny

Don't use small machine for  
model the new one is most  
ready

Edison

12 ~~7~~ 1/2 ft

Office of  
Charles McChesney, Treas.

32 Tribune Building

New York, Feb'y 28<sup>th</sup> 1877

R.R. 2529

Dear Mr Edison

Your favor of yesterday with  
various letters regarding Phonograph rec<sup>d</sup>,  
for which I thank you

Yours in haste

Chas. McChesney

J A Edison  
Dr Dalton

of Boston Call  
on me left order  
for 2 Phonographs  
one long one short  
and price of each  
is required what  
shall I say to him  
about them he wants  
to hear as soon as  
possible he was  
at Mendota Park  
seen them wasn't  
liked very much

Murray —

J S Murray  
Mar 2

1878-03-02  
Sat.

not  
indicated

I call at his  
place to see  
him but give  
him no answer  
till you make

the arrangements  
so let me know  
so I can write  
to him —

Saturday March 2nd  
2 P M

[MARCH 2, 1878]

Prof Dalton called  
on me to get two photos  
said you sent him I  
called to see him at  
Medical College N.Y.  
Saw several of Proffers  
all were very anxious  
to get lives as soon as I  
could I told him I should  
see you about them  
and let him know —  
Tell me what I will say  
he wants Price of each  
size he is in Boston  
Will me to write them  
they let me know soon  
Thos J. Murray

Newark Min 4th 78

J A Edison Esq

what will small  
one cost as he was  
carefull to make  
Enquiry about two  
Girys he was delighted  
with them and may  
be the means of some  
out let for them as he  
wants to use them on  
lecture tour to  
educate sound —  
he is in Boston J T Murray

Saturday Evn March 9th 78  
J A Edison Esq

I seen E. H. Johnson in  
N.Y and gave him on the  
large Phonograph #365 and  
Chester thinks Price is  
too much I do not why  
do you say about it  
I want the work very  
much and I don't think  
so out of the way to make  
first class Inst which  
I will make if I make  
any to make them a success  
he should be made very  
particular J T Murray  
answers

My Sir

I see Adams  
has a Photo of Phila  
as he is shown in there  
Can't you have him  
send it to me here  
for a day or two - I'll  
take good care of it &  
only want to send it to  
few persons in your  
interest as well as mine

Yours  
J. McKim



[MARCH 12, 1878]

Mr. P. A. Edison  
I deliver to Mr. Windsor the  
Clock movement to Speaking Machine  
of yours I am sure that this one  
will give satisfaction, please be as kind  
as to send once a check at once as I  
had to lay out a good deal of money  
you want it in ~~100~~ 100  
Henry David 338 East 13

Office of  
Charles M. Hoover, Treas.

32 Tribune Building

N.Y. No 5559

New York, March 14<sup>th</sup> 1878

Dear Edison

Your letter regarding rubber tubing received I have a man out "raising hell" about it now and hope to send it to you this afternoon.

Will you please give me a list of the names and addresses of every-one who has one of your Phonographs in this country, stating whether it is a large or a small one I want to know particularly because I have reason to suppose that there are already one or two infringers but do not want to go for them and be snapped up by "Why Mr Edison gave that to me" which I might do by mistake.

Look out that your friend Puckas gets those foreign Patents P. D. G. or you will be my dear fellow in the same box that our friend Alexander Graham Bell is in now not being able to get Patents in a good many countries because the time of limitation in a good many countries has expired. Come in and

see a fellow when you are in town.  
How is the H - Ariphone getting on?

Yours Truly

Chas. Alhauer

Chas. Alhauer  
March 28





Wm. M. M. 28/74  
A. D. Fri.

Open this pkg  
in an Exhausted  
Glass receiver or  
you will lose the  
Contents - a small  
agate point.

Yours  
J. B. M.

Memorandum  
RECORDED & INDEXED  
CHARLES A. CHERRY,  
P. O. Box 5529.

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NEW YORK,  
32 TRINITY BUILDING,

New York, April 6, 1878

J. A. Edison Esq.

My Sir

Mr. Kearney, Berkeley

I personally know to us  
to be a gentleman sincerely  
fitted to introduce your  
Phonograph into the most  
cultivated & scientific society  
in Geneva and we think  
it would be well for your  
interests & reputation to allow  
him to have one of the small  
ones as promised

Yours very truly  
Wm. Motter, Jr.

Dear Sir -  
Mr. Kearney is perfectly satisfied that the  
gentleman is straight and honest & that  
there must be some thing of which there is  
no need to be like to let him have a machine  
of some kind - Wm. Motter, Jr.

Salem, Mass. Apr. 18<sup>78</sup>

Prof. Edison.

Telegraph immediately ~~address~~  
New York city address of Phonograph Co.  
office.

Geo. H. Parry.  
94.

4 H. K. Hubbard  
Nov 16, 1871

J. E. Stetson

Washington  
April 16, 1878

Thomas Edison Esq.

Dear Sir:

My friend  
Mr. Redpath, desires to  
make some arrangement  
with us for introducing  
the Phonograph to the  
public, by a series of  
lectures, carried on sim-  
ultaneously in different  
parts of the country. He

was very much pleased  
with the exhibition of the  
phonograph at Mr. Parmenter's  
last evening, & wishes to  
know the inventor of this  
wonderful instrument.

Mr. Parmenter advised him  
to go on to New York & see  
Mr. Johnson & make your  
acquaintance.

I know that you will  
be interested in him &  
be in you, & commend  
him to your kind attention.

I am

Yours Truly

Hardiner G. Hubbard

[APRIL 17, 1878]

Dear Sir - Philadelphia  
<sup>See address here</sup>  
Please telegraph <sup>very much</sup>  
to me No 1316 Walnut  
St Philadelphia if I  
will find you home on  
Friday at 1.30 P.M.  
16 of Roosevelt  
Should you want your name  
not to appear - write 1316 Walnut St Phil

New York, April 22<sup>d</sup> 1878.

Thos A Edison Esq.

Menlo Park.

N. J.

Dear Sir:

I find it desirable that I should

have some one to join me in the development of the Contract dated Jan'y. 7<sup>th</sup> 1878, for the use of your Phonograph invention to be applied to Toys, and I have made arrangements with Mr Charles B. Harris for that purpose - As it is necessary under the terms of the Contract to obtain your written consent to give any person a right under that Contract, I shall be obliged if you will give me the same -

Very respectfully,

Oliver D. Russell,



G. G. Hubbard  
Apr 24, 78

Photo. E. J. P. Photo Co.

1878, Apr. 24.

Washington April 24

Dear Mr. Edison

I have a letter  
to-day from Mrs. Hubbard  
written three days after her  
arrival at London. Mr.  
Bell made a speech at  
a large meeting in behalf  
of a new school to teach  
the deaf articulation. He  
said if Mr. Edison could  
take a piece of iron smelter  
that speaks, how much  
easier should it be for  
the good teacher to take  
the vocal organs God had

G. G. Hubbard

made. & bid them take  
Mr Bell is very much pleased  
with the Shingpile West  
Hutband carried over

I wish you & Mr Bell  
could visit & compare

notes - I am yours truly

Samuel J. Howland

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE EDISON SPEAKING PHONOGRAPH COMPANY.

APRIL 24, 1878.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICE OF

SECRETARY OF STATE.

THE EDISON SPEAKING PHONOGRAPH COMPANY.

TO ALL PERSONS TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME :

The undersigned, being the President and a majority of the Directors of "The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company," a corporation organized under the Statute Laws of the State of Connecticut regulating the formation of joint stock corporations and located in the Town of Norwalk, County of Fairfield, in said State, in pursuance of said Statute Laws, hereby certify as follows, to wit :

1st: The purposes for which said corporation is formed are the following, to wit :

To manufacture, rent and sell phonographic apparatus and to buy, own, sell and deal in any patent right or any

interest in the same, and any real or personal property necessary or convenient for the prosecution of said business, and generally to do all things incidental to said business and to the proper management thereof.

2d: The amount of its capital stock is six hundred thousand dollars.

3d: The amount of its capital stock actually paid in is twenty-five shares of the par value of six hundred and twenty-five dollars paid in cash at par.

4th: The names and residence of its stockholders and the number of shares owned by each respectively are as follows, to wit:

Names of Stockholders.	Residence.	No. of Shares.
W. K. Applebaugh. ....	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Five.
Wm. H. Hayward.....	Norwalk, Conn...	do
Timothy Cornwell.....	Brooklyn, N. Y...	do
William L. Cantow.....	do do	do
Anthony Gref, Jr.....	do do	do

And in further pursuance of said Statute Laws we cause this certificate to be deposited with the Secretary of the State of Connecticut and a duplicate thereof with the Town Clerk of the Town of Norwalk, in which town said corporation is to transact its business.

Dated at Norwalk, Conn., this twenty-fourth day of April, 1878.

W. K. APPLEBAUGH,  
President.

W. K. APPLEBAUGH, }  
W. H. HAYWARD, } Directors.  
TIMOTHY CORNWELL, }

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
City and County of New York, } ss.:

Be it known that on this twenty-fourth day of April, 1878, before me personally came William K. Applebaugh, the President, and also the said William K. Applebaugh, William H. Hayward and Timothy Cornwell, being a majority of the Directors, and each made oath before me that the above certificate signed by them is true, and they also acknowledged before me that they executed the same for the purposes therein stated.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City, County and State of New York, April 24th, 1878.

A. C. ANDERSON,  
[A. S.] A Commissioner for the State of Connecticut, residing in the City, County and State of New York, 10 Chambers Street.

Received and filed April 25, 1878.

Doc

I will be at  
Johnson's dinner  
about noon. Saturday  
unless something occurs  
to prevent. My & be  
there

U. H. Painter

W. 4-25-78

Office of  
Charles M. Cheever, Treas.

32<sup>229</sup> <sup>DE</sup> <sup>W</sup> <sup>AY</sup>  
Ninth Street Building

New York, May 2<sup>d</sup> 1878

N. O. Per 5729

Dear Mr Edison

We are to have a meeting of the Phonograph Company on Saturday to decide some important matters, and we very much desire that you will be present.

Please come in on that day

Yours Truly

Chas. Cheever

1193 Broadway  
New York May 8<sup>th</sup> 1878

Thos A Edison Esq

My Sir. Acting on your suggestion, I have engaged John Ott to report to you, to work under your instructions for the purpose of getting a toy box, such as we talked of yesterday, I have given him money to purchase supplies for immediate use. I feel more confidence in the success of this step, than any that has yet been taken towards producing toys, and that it will result to our mutual benefit.

Hollingshead will continue his electrolytic experiments. Have cabled Quaker. Yours Truly

R Harris

Blank No. 1.

## THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company TRANSMITS and DELIVERS messages only on condition, binding the liability, which have been assumed, that the sender of said messages will be held responsible for the same, and the Company will not be held liable for any delay or interruption in delivery of these messages. Messages transmitted by this Company are subject to the same conditions as those of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

A. H. BREWER, Sec'y.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated *New York May 15th* 1878

Received at  
To *J. A. Edison*

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

*Will you be  
at home tomorrow  
afternoon -  
Chas. A. Church*



E. P. Bullard,

Dealer in Machinery,

14 Bay Street.

New York, May 17 1878

Thos A Edison

Meads Park N.Y.

Dear Sir

We are prepared to  
make your Phonographs and should  
be pleased to make bids on same.

We have as good a lot of Tools in our  
shop as will be found anywhere in  
the vicinity of New York and are prepared  
to do as good a job of work as can be  
done by any one. We should be pleased  
to have you call on us & oblige

Yours Truly

E. P. Bullard

Harrison

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AGREEMENT.

GARDINER G. HUBBARD, G. L. BRADLEY.  
CHARLES A. CHEEVER, HILBORNE L. ROOSEVELT  
and U. H. PAINTER

WITH

EDISON SPEAKING PHONOGRAPH COMPANY

AND

THOMAS A. EDISON.

MAY 21, 1878.

Memorandum of Agreement between GARDINER G. HUBBARD, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts; G. L. BRADLEY, of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island; CHARLES A. CHEEVER, of the City, County and State of New York; HILBORNE L. ROOSEVELT, of the City, County and State of New York; U. H. PAINTER, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, parties of the first part, and the EDISON SPEAKING PHONOGRAPH COMPANY, party of the second part,

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and THOMAS A. EDISON, of Menlo Park, in the State of New Jersey, party of the third part.

Signed this 21st day of May, 1878.

WHEREAS, The parties of the first part did heretofore, to wit, on the 30th day of January, 1878, enter into a certain agreement with the party of the third part, in which agreement the party of the third part granted unto the parties of the first part a certain license under certain letters patent granted to said Thomas A. Edison, the party of the third part, for an improvement in Phonograph or speaking machines, said letters patent being dated the 19th day of February, 1878, and numbered 200,921; and

WHEREAS, The said party of the second part is desirous of acquiring all the right, title and interest of the said parties of the first part in and to said agreement and by reason thereof; and

WHEREAS, The said party of the third part is willing that the said party of the second part should acquire such right, title and interest.

Now, therefore, these presents witness, that the said parties of the first and of the second part and of the third part have agreed together as follows: Each in consideration of the promises and agreements of the others, and for other good and valuable considerations, and each in consideration of ten dollars to it in hand paid by each of the other parties hereto, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

FIRST: The parties of the first part do hereby promise to sell, assign, transfer and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the party of the second part, all their collective and individual right, title and interest in and to said agreement of January 30th, 1878, between the said Thomas A. Edison and themselves, and in and to any license or grant relating to any invention made by the said Edison and therein referred to, and particularly

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all their right, title and interest in and to any license to use the said letters patent numbered 200,921, dated the 10th day of February, 1878, granted to the said Thomas A. Edison for an improvement in Phonograph or speaking machines.

SECOND: And the parties of the first part do further covenant and agree with the party of the second part, and warrant unto it that they have not collectively or individually parted with any interest that they have ever had under or by reason of said agreement.

THIRD: The party of the second part does hereby promise and agree with each of the other parties hereto, that it will assume and does hereby assume each and all of the agreements and obligations of the said parties of the first part to the said party of the third part as set forth in the agreement of the Thirtieth day of January, 1878.

FOURTH: The said party of the third part does hereby consent that the said parties of the first part may make this transfer and assignment of said contract to the party of the second part hereinabove set forth, and does further promise to release and does hereby release the parties of the first part and each of them from any and all obligations whatever to him by reason of the contract hereinabove referred to between them and him, dated the Thirtieth day of January, 1878.

FIFTH: The party of the third part does hereby promise unto the party of the second part that he will faithfully keep with it each and all of the agreements and covenants which he made with the parties of the first part in said agreement of the Thirtieth day of January, 1878.

SIXTH: The party of the third part further promises and agrees with the party of the second part hereto, that in case he, the said party of the third part, shall not at his own expense protect as far as he may within his power the said invention from piracy or infringement as he agreed to do in said agreement of the Thirtieth day of January, 1878, that then

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after written notice to him of said failure by the party of the second part, and his failure so to protect as far as lays within his power said invention from piracy or infringement for six months thereafter, that then the party of the second part at the reasonable charge and expense of the party of the third part, use all reasonable means to protect as far as lays within its power, the said invention from piracy or infringement, and in making payments of royalty to the party of the third part herein under said contract, may make deductions from the same of whatever sum it has expended for the purpose of securing such protection of the said invention from piracy or infringement.

SEVENTH : In consideration of the covenants, promises and releases herein of the party of the third part the parties of the first part do hereby release the party herein of the third part from any and all future obligations to them personally, or to either of them under said contract of the Thirtieth day of January, 1878, it being the intention of all the parties hereto that all of the rights of the parties of the first part in said contract shall by this contract become the property of the party of the second part.

In witness, the parties hereto have executed this agreement, and have hereunto affixed their hands and seals this 21st day of May, 1878.

Witness

Parties to the first part :  
 AL. H. BARNARD to G. G. H.  
 Witnesses to U. H. Painter,  
 W. S. CHASE.  
 Witness to C. A. Cheever,  
 W. L. CANDEL.  
 Witnesses to H. L. Roosevelt,  
 JAMES REDPATH.  
 Witnesses to G. L. Bradley,  
 THOMAS B. BAILEY.

GARDNER G. HUBBARD. [SEAL.]

U. H. PAINTER. [SEAL.]

CHAS. A. CHEEVER. [SEAL.]

HILBORNE L. ROOSEVELT. [SEAL.]

G. L. BRADLEY. [SEAL.]

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Witness

Party of the second part :  
 Witness to W. K. Apple-  
 baugh, Pres.,  
 TIMOTHY CORNWELL.  
 THE EDISON SPEAKING PHONO-  
 GRAPH COMPANY,  
 By W. K. APPLEBAUGH,  
 President. [SEAL.]

Witness

Party of the third part :  
 CHAS. BATCHELOR. THOMAS A. EDISON. [SEAL.]

Received for record May 22, 1878, and recorded in Liber  
 N 22, page 347, of Transfers of Patents.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of  
 [SEAL.] the Patent Office to be hereunto affixed.  
 W. H. DOOLITTLE,  
 Acting Commissioner.

Exd. F. O. T.

[35100]

Phila May 21 1878

Dear Edison

Mr. Lillibridge was here  
last night examined our work  
upon ~~phonographs~~ <sup>phonographs</sup> you are making for  
the Phonograph Co of New York. Says  
the Company proposes having one  
hundred manufactured and he will  
do all he can to get us the  
contract as our work so far  
is decidedly the best only - I will  
be in New York Thursday morning  
with one of our machines, now  
if you can be over there and  
give me a lift in way  
of obtaining us this order you  
will be doing us a big favor  
or if you cannot write us a  
letter to Johnson that will

attain the desired object (providing  
our work proves satisfactory, to your  
and other inspection) it will be  
all the same, - You know best  
who controls this work and therefore  
can tell best who to write to  
or see - How about the Telephones  
we would like to pitch into  
about a hundred past now  
or would like when you get  
the Standard Phonographs done  
to try a lot of them for  
you, - allow me to congratulate  
you upon the sale of Telephone  
"red dome" - Hoping to see or  
hear from you before long.

I remain your truly

Joe Partick

Joe P.T.S.

from New York

Atlantic Post Office, June 22, 1879

To T. A. Edison

Will you be in here to morrow  
forenoon I go to Boston in the evening and want to see  
you - answer

Chas. A. Cheever

Read by C. C. Cannon  
May 22 - 2 P. M.

New York's '24

Thomas A. Edison.

No reply  
preparatory to the  
sale of mine, & of  
which go by next  
steamer.

Chas. A. Cheever.

Also  
208 Broadway  
all right  
T. A. Edison  
A. C.

## The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,

203 BROADWAY,

New York, May 19<sup>th</sup> 1878

Dear Mr Edison

Please call immediately on  
receipt of this & obligeYours Truly  
C. A. Cheeverper *apf*

Sheet No. 1.

## THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company TRANSMITS AND RECEIVES messages only on condition, (being telegrams, cables, etc.) as shown in the following schedule. Messages may be given in person or by mail, or by telegraph, and the time of day and day of the week for delivery of the message must be stated. The Company is not responsible for the delivery of messages on condition of delivery on any other day or at any other time than the one specified. The Company is not responsible for the delivery of messages on condition of delivery on any other day or at any other time than the one specified.

A. R. BRIDGES, Secy.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated New York May 19<sup>th</sup> 1878

Received at Buffalo N.Y.

To Thomas A. Cheever

come in this afternoon  
if possible important  
answer

C. A. Cheever

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.



P. O. Box 5225.

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,

203 BROADWAY.

New York, May 29<sup>th</sup> 1878

Dear Edison

It is of the utmost importance  
that I should see you as soon as possible  
Was very much disappointed that I did  
not see you today. Please come in here  
on the morning train Friday.

Tomorrow & Thursday being a legal  
holiday the office will not be opened.  
There are things which must be  
decided Friday forenoon in regard to  
infringers

Yours Truly  
Chas. A. Cheever  
per able  
Wans

Charles A. Cheever Esq.

FROM THE LABORATORY OF  
T. A. EDISON,  
MENLO PARK, N. J.  
U. S. A.

Charles A. Cheever

May 31 1898

Dear Sir,

I hereby authorize you to

take the necessary legal steps at once to restrain infringers upon  
my patent for Phonographs and I will pay all reasonable expenses

attending the same,

Yours truly,  
Thomas A. Edison

menlo Park N.J. May 31. 78  
Chas. A. Cheever 203 Broadway N.Y.  
Edison unwell send out ~~the~~  
papers ~~and~~ he will sign them

10 Collect Carman

New York.

Thos A Edison

Nap

Send me by first train tomorrow  
Some Extra Vibrating points I  
want to take them on the  
steamer which sails early  
Cheever

from Mr. Clark  
To Mr. Edwards.

Telegraphic permission to ship  
phonograph to morning to catch steamer  
for Japan otherwise see me before one  
o'clock Friday, important but go to morning  
to day

Very truly  
S. L. Griffin

June 3, 1898  
Chas. A. Keever  
200 Broadway, N.Y.

Mr. Batchelor starts  
on three o'clock train  
with phonograph for  
Exhibition tonight

S. L. Griffin

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302 Pm

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55 & 57 N. J. R. AVENUE,

TERMS:—1. A deposit required on and on for Patented Articles.  
Special Tools or Machinery must be paid for as the work progresses every week.  
References given if required.

Dear Sirs

Newark, N. J., June 5<sup>th</sup> 1878

We will contract to - build one hundred (100) Photographs the same as sample with hardened steel bushings &c at Fifty five (\$55.00) dollars a piece, to be made in just as good a manner and workmanship and of as good material as sample. Brass to be substituted for steel on the hand nuts, as suggested by Mr. Edison. Waiting to hear your reply we are

Yours Respectfully  
A. Alex. Pool & Co.

To Mr. A. Edison Mr. Batchelor & Others  
Menlo Park N.J.

P. O. Box 5622.

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

New York, 6-6-1878

Thomas A. Edison Esq  
Mento Park N.Y.

Dear Sir-

There is a letter that will per-  
haps get you apt boys who want to work  
your time - "Destructors of the Day" as the  
Enquirer calls them. He wrote it at my  
request. Of course, he has no intention  
a desire to interfere with your amusement  
of friends; but there is justice in his complaint  
as far as the immediate neighborhood of Mento  
Park goes; and it is an excellent excuse  
for you

I enclose a letter to Genl  
Hawson which you can hand up  
if it will help to save you from  
bores.

Yours be

Very Respectfully  
P.S. The Mr. Park-L McCallen  
have been around

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,

209 BROADWAY,

New York, June 7<sup>th</sup> 1878

Thomas A. Edison Esq.  
Menlo Park, N.J.

Dear Sir, At a meeting of the Board  
of Trustees of The Edison Speaking  
Phonograph Company held at the Office  
of the Company on 6<sup>th</sup> instant, you was  
unanimously elected Vice President of  
the Company -

Yours respectfully  
Timothy Cornwell  
Secy. pro tem

Monitorm N. J. June 8<sup>th</sup> 1858

Chas. A. Cheever Esq

Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of your letter of  
June 4<sup>th</sup>. I cannot give you the name  
of the person who exhibited the Monograph  
at Trenton as Mrs. Clarke & Kriest were  
not certain about it but as you have written  
to those gentlemen no doubt they will  
make enquiries & obtain it. If not, if  
you will inform me, I will take immediate  
steps to ascertain it although I do so I  
must leave my route & visit Trenton.  
I notice your paragraph in regard to Mr  
Edwin showing the Monograph in his labo-  
ratory but I must distinctly re-affirm - what  
I am prepared to prove - that certain persons  
- not newspapermen - have visited the laboratory



and seen & heard the Phonograph, whose  
quarters I should otherwise have undoubtedly  
have gathered in - they are also revoltant  
if they, I say, and did not go a long distance  
to see Mr Edison which might otherwise  
have been their course -

I beg to draw your attention to newspaper  
article enclosed - the Editorial excursion  
comprises always more than half who  
are not newspapermen - Any exhibit by  
Mr Edison would draw - & does now take  
for ~~some~~ certain persons for they refuse to  
come to my exhibition as they will see the  
Phonograph for nothing when they go  
on the excursion -

Is it you - is this fair?

Very resp<sup>ly</sup> J. H. Lums

Mr. Edison's quarters  
to also clear up

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Newark, N. J., June 10th 1878

Dear Sir

Yours favor of this date at hand.  
We will engage to make (10) ten photographs for forty  
dollars (\$40.) each, as per sample seen at Mount Park  
when there last, with the exception mentioned, of common  
steel and brass adjusting nuts, in place of Hobsons  
steel for shaft and stud adjusting nuts. We expect  
of course that you will furnish the patterns and  
a sample machine to work from

Yours Respectfully,  
A. Allen, Pool & Co.

J. P. Allen  
Mount Park  
N. J.

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Dear Sir Newark, N. J. *June 13<sup>th</sup> 1877*

We are this day in receipt of the  
 patterns for the Phonographs except the patterns for  
 the brass cylinders. I suppose that you have a  
 pattern for that, have you not? About how  
 soon shall we have the sample Phonograph to work  
 from? If you can spare the drawings we would like  
 to have them sent to us <sup>also</sup> as soon as convenient, unless  
 there have been such changes <sup>in the machine</sup> made since they were  
 made as to render them useless to us.

Yours Respectfully  
 A. Alk. Pool & Co.  
 J. M. Edison  
 Menlo Park  
 N. J.

Ans'd June 14<sup>th</sup> 78  
See letter book

Jersey June 14<sup>th</sup> 78  
J. Prof Y<sup>rs</sup> Edison  
Dear Sir

Having given the matter of  
estimating on the cost of  
building one hundred of the  
Phonographs. (The greatest  
wonder of the world) And  
through the courtesy and  
enlightening manner of  
Mr. Washburn your Chief  
engineer put the instrument  
before us. We have been able  
to give you our figures on  
such short notice. We will  
furnish the instruments for  
Seventy eight dollars

and eighteen cents - \$78.18<sup>00</sup>  
each. And warrant the work  
to be as good as the model  
showing us in every particular.  
We are ready to enter in to  
an agreement at once,  
and will push the work  
immediately.

Respectfully Yours  
J. H. Errol & Co

J. L. NEWMAN  
P. O. Box 5220.

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

New York, June 20, 1878  
Mr. Griffin Esq.  
Mento Park, N. J.

Dear Mr. Griffin -

Mr. Lundy exhibited in N. Brunswick  
~~May~~ May 24 & 25. He reports his  
gross receipts as -

May 24 -	\$4.50	cc.	18 persons
25 -	14.75	cc.	55 "

Can you manage to find out from  
any one in N. B. what the truth is  
about the evening he left Mento  
Park heard at N. B. That there were  
400 persons saw the Exhibition.

Will you find that he checked  
us we must back his horse. Can't  
you send some one down? We will  
pay his expenses.

Yours very  
James NeWMAN

Hope Machine Works  
East Newark N.J.  
June 24<sup>th</sup> /99

Mr Thomas Edison  
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

Having been informed  
that you are getting some  
Phonographs built in Newark  
and if you are in need of  
more Machine. we would Respectfully  
ask that we be permitted  
to compete for said Machines  
We have already built 26 Machines  
for the Edison Phonograph Co  
of 203 Broadway, N.Y. to  
whom we would Respectfully  
refer as to the quality of our  
Work Yours Respectfully  
Wm Geo Greenfield

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,

203 BROADWAY,

New York, June 28<sup>th</sup> 1878

James Westphall Esq

Dear Sir.

In experimenting with my Phonograph I find that a diaphragm of parchment, drum head - is greatly superior to the one of tin type - It has, however, two objections - First that it shrinks into an uneven surface & second that the breath moistens it and it then loses its power of speech.

I propose to overcome the first objection by making a new mouth piece holder sufficiently deep to hold two steel rings - These rings would be the one smaller than the other - Over the smallest stretch the parchment when wet & then drive on over it the larger ring which



would bind the parchment securely and it  
would dry evenly.

To overcome the second objection - viz dampness,  
cover the parchment with collodion -

Yours very truly

T. L. Lunel

Nov. 11. 1888.

Respectfully  
to

T. L. Edison. Esq.  
~~X~~

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
208 BROADWAY,

New York, July 1 1878

Thomas A Edison Esqr  
Wentworth Ave  
New York N.Y.

Dear Mr Edison:-

I - Who is your lawyer here? We want a power to attorney to use to prevent infringements in Canada or elsewhere outside of the U.S. There shd be signed in blank

II - Send in whatever Docs. or references are needed for proving your patent in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia or Prince Edward Island or New Brunswick.

Am is proving.

III - We want a blank power of attorney to enable us to take American infringers by the nose of the neck of the seat of the breeches without any delay.  
Yours V<sup>l</sup> J. J. G. Pratt

Newark July 5<sup>th</sup> 1878  
Greenfield  
Mass

Hope Machine Works  
East Newark N.J.

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1878

Mr Thomas Edison

In Reply to your favor  
of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. inquiring if  
we have got facilities for grinding  
the Shafts & Bushings of the  
Photograph. We have not got  
the Grinding Apparatus for  
grinding them but if the  
work will warrant the outlay  
which will be small at the  
most. That need not interfere  
with the giving us the work  
which we should be pleased to  
do for you, hoping that this  
will be favorably considered by  
You Respectfully Yours  
Wm G. Greenfield

London July 6<sup>th</sup> 1878  
Prof Thos A Edison

Dear Sir - According to the terms of an Agreement made between you and one Oliver D. Russell, in January 1878, for the use of your Phonograph for toys re. and of which I became an interested party some months since, it was agreed, that a report of sales, should be made to you at the expiration of six months from the date of the above mentioned agreement.

Numerous experiments have been made to perfect the Phonograph for toys re, but (as you are aware) without complete success as yet, therefore there has not been any sales, and I regret that I cannot remit you any royalties, but hope that I may be able to do so at an early day.

Very Respectfully  
Yours &c  
C. D. Harris

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Dear Sirs

Newark, N. J., *July 12<sup>th</sup>* 1878

Can you favor us with your  
check for two hundred dollars on account  
of Photographs underway? we are very short  
indeed at present and have to meet some  
obligations maturing. The Photographs  
are very far advanced and we hope to finish  
them next week. Mr. Puze has seen them and  
can affirm what we say.

Yours Respectfully  
A. Alex. Pool & Co.  
Thos A. Edison & Chas Batchelor

Church Organs

Please give my kind regards to Mrs Edison &  
the little one. Y<sup>rs</sup>

Office of  
Wilbur L. Roosevelt

40 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street

J. S. Scythia ~~Amherst~~ July 18<sup>th</sup> 1878

Respected Thomas (professor of the Black Art) (Carbon)  
I drop you a line to  
let you see what a fine correspondant  
I am at present.

We have had a fine voyage &  
expect to reach Queenstown tomorrow  
when this will be mailed to you -

The Phonograph I have with  
me has created quite a sensation  
and combined with your photograph  
I am in demand thereby gratifying  
the vanity of

Yours truly  
Wilbur L. Roosevelt

To Thomas A. Edison Esq  
Menlo Park N.J.

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Newark, N. J., July 18<sup>th</sup> 1878

Dear Sir

We have received again the sample  
Phonograph by the bearer of this letter. Mr. Kinsie  
was here on Tuesday and told me that you would  
advance the amount of money (\$200.) asked for  
a few days ago. Can you not send it today before  
3 o'clock? that is ~~before~~ so that we can use it  
here in the bank before 3 o'clock; we have a  
note of \$300. to meet today and are very short  
indeed at present, by so doing you will greatly  
oblige.

Yours Respectfully  
A. Alex. Pool & Co

To  
Chas. Datchelor  
Mead Park  
N. J.

Mr. C. has left no instruction  
except to

D. S.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD CO'S TELEGRAPH.

Received... *Red Red Red* Office... Operator... Clk... *July 23rd 1898*  
 From *New York* For *Prof. Entchell*

*Will be at two hundred & three  
 Broadway till two PM Wednesday  
 Can you come over in  
 W. H. Painter  
 16th*



Recd  
9 am  
July 25 1878  
Menlo Park N. J.

Westchester Pa 20<sup>th</sup> 78  
Prof Batches

"Mr."  
Wire Edison I want him  
to send you msg requesting  
you to call and get balance  
of the ten

W. H. Painter

19<sup>th</sup> July

No 1  
Menlo Park, N. J. July 25<sup>th</sup> 1878

T. A. Edison Rawlins Wy  
Painter says for you to  
send message to me requesting  
me to call and get balance  
of ten - Chewer has failed  
Want you tonight on direct  
wire  
Batches

27<sup>th</sup> 1878

#5 Sent 7<sup>30</sup> PM  
Menlo Park, N. J. July 25<sup>th</sup> 1878

T. A. Edison Rawlins Wy

Painter and others attach great  
importance to Scientific American  
<sup>photograph</sup> article and drawings ignoring fact of  
its being patented. Suggest asking  
Munn withdraw invitation to publish  
to infringe ~~your patent~~ and say infringers  
be prosecuted. Unless this is done  
your royalty swallowed in litigation  
Griffith

42<sup>nd</sup> 78

"Scientific American" ~~off~~ has notice that  
 their number one thirty three has  
 full instructions & workings  
 drawings "How to make a Phonograph"  
 They also publish article from "M"  
 with further ~~notes~~ drawings & instructions  
~~do not~~ to ignore fact that disputes  
~~and~~ will you send them request to

2

Withers in their imitations to pirate  
 to infringe your patent & state  
 that ~~if~~ any violations will be  
 prosecuted. ~~They~~ are enclosing  
 something is done soon I will  
 take all your royalty to stop  
 infringing - answer

and Aug 1878

A. T. Edison, Esq  
Menlo Park N.J.

Respect Sir:

We hardly ask you, to send  
the Phonographs at the earliest  
possible date.

Fifty cases packed already  
and ready for shipment to San  
Francisco, are waiting only till  
your Phonographs will be deli-  
vered to us.

Let us hope, that you will  
arrange the matter also in favor  
for our sending.

very respectfully

W. C. C. Edison, Esq.  
New York July 27<sup>th</sup> 1878.

New York Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1878  
T A Edison Esq  
Windsor Park N Y

Dear Sir In order to  
comply with the contract made  
by you with Oliver S. Russell  
and myself, for the use of your  
phonograph on toys etc. I regret  
to report that, as yet, none have  
been sold.

Truly Yours  
C B Harris

Newark Aug 8th, 1878  
Mr C Batchelder  
Dear Sir

We have one of the  
P. Machines completed & ready for your  
inspection - we have proved it & find it works  
well - please call & examine it - more  
will be done very soon & the whole  
as soon as possible

Yours  
A. A. Pooler

Pres. Crig-  
Aug 14 #75

Professor Edison  
Should you feel disposed to  
further consider the last  
offer we made you on  
your Phonograph, I would  
be pleased to hear from you.  
The Machinery and Tools I now  
have in offer I hope are  
as good as you will find in  
any shop in the country and  
we are now well fully equipped  
and will not be in any way  
concerned  
for  
PS We figure 1.55.00  
Respectfully Yours  
V H Ernst.

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118 Steuben St., cor. Warren, Jersey City, N. J.

Received Aug 1878  
Mr Chat. Batchelor  
Dear Sir  
The Phonographs are all  
done & awaiting your action  
Yours,  
A. A. Pool & Co

OFFICE OF  
The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

P. O. Box 5530

New York, August 21<sup>st</sup> 1878

Thomas A. Edison Esq.  
Mendota Park  
N. J.

Dear Sir:

Your bill of May 17 for work done  
at your Laboratory on two phonographs from  
Bergmans factory, was referred to Mr. Johnson  
as being incurred before I assumed the manage-  
ment of the Co. He states that it is a charge  
which should not be made against us and has  
just returned the bill to Mr. Batchelor with his  
endorsement to that effect.

Very truly yours

Chas. Bailey  
Treasr

New York Aug 23<sup>d</sup>  
Morgenthau

Will Ott write  
me that he has not yet rec'd  
the iron from Pittsburg but  
that it will be made as soon  
as they could get the rolls  
ready. This is indefinite, and it is  
getting late in the season to make  
toys for this years holidays.  
Would it not be well for me to  
go there or can you get Mr David  
to hurry them up, or at least get  
them to say about when we may  
expect it. A week ago Ott wrote  
me Weston Keown would have some  
electrotypes such as he (John) wanted.  
Today he writes Weston nor any other Keown  
electrotypes will bother with it. I have  
telegraphed him to come in tomorrow  
Saturday and explain to ~~Weston Keown~~  
what he wants



T. A. EDISON.

8am

N.Y. 29

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Aug 29

1878

Edison

Menlo Park

Want see you today before  
four cant you come in?

W. H. Painter

copied 25-

C. G.

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Aug 29

1878

W. H. Painter Phonograph Co  
203 Broadway N.Y.

Impossible for me to come  
in today  
Edison

W. H.

1100  
9 Co

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
205 BROADWAY.

New York, \_\_\_\_\_ 18

James Macphail Esq  
Gen Manager  
Edison S. P. Co  
New York

Aug 31/87

Dear Sir,

In making my route through

my district (Northern New Jersey) I have been  
much annoyed, as well as somewhat financially  
injured, by finding that other Phonographs  
than mine are & have been on exhibition.

At Trenton a gentleman, whose name I  
cannot accurately learn but believe it to have  
been ~~John A. Harris~~ Prof Harris of Philadelphia,  
gave a private exhibition in the house of  
a Mr John A. Hamm just before I reached

Edison S. P. Co

that city; As a consequence a large number were present who would doubtless have otherwise visited my exhibition and I consider myself injured by this infringement on my lease. I refer you to Mr. Wm. Globe, editor of The Trenton State Gazette, and Mr. Priest, Proprietor & editor of The Trenton State Emporium, both of whom were present at the private exhibition. They state that the Professor stated that he was a personal friend of Mr. Edison and made his own instrument with the sanction of Mr. Edison.

I have also reason to complain of the ease by which persons can see & hear the instrument at Mauls Park. At New Brunswick I found several persons who preferred to see the instrument at Mauls Park for nothing to paying for my entertainment and I have the proof of several persons who have been to Mauls & seen the instrument since I took my lease. I consider this an infringement on my rights - Yours respy. J. E. Rands

T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J., April 1878

(aug. 1878)  
Proprio applicazioni  
ad ammissioni  
one dei proprii  
usando me per a  
"receiving disc"  
"to be" -

W. H. P.

W. H. Painter Fifth Ave Hotel NY  
I have an engagement to meals  
Park tomorrow  
T. A. Edison

7 PM

24 78

6:10 PM.

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Sept 4 1878

N. Y. 4  
T. A. Edison m. p.

I must go to Hill Thursday night  
Will you come down Saturday  
U. H. P.

12.5H

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Sept 4 1878

U. H. Painter M.

Impossible too busy  
T. A. Edison

3.15H

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Sept 5 1878

N.Y.

Mr. Edison

Mr. Park

What time Thursday meet me  
phone office

W. H. White  
Fifth Ave. Hotel

replied  
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Newark, N. J. Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1878  
Dear Sir

We are extremely  
short of cash and would be  
obliged to you if you would  
send us a check by return  
mail for the balance of our  
account which is Two hundred  
and twenty two 53<sup>88</sup> (\$222<sup>53</sup> / 100)  
by so doing you will confer a  
great favor and oblige

Yours Respectfully  
A. Alex. Pool & Co.  
Per Wm A. Edison  
Menlo Park  
N. J.

P.S. Mr. Redpath wrote me that new  
arrangements would be made, at-  
tended this letter, to you and giving me  
had nothing to 143 North 10th st.  
do or say about  
the book-life, &c. Phil. Dept. N.Y. M.  
Thos. A. Edison, Esq.  
Menlo Park, N.J.

My Dear Sir:—As Business  
Manager of Col. Wood (formerly of the  
Cincinnati, Chicago & Phil.<sup>a</sup> Museums) I  
addressed a communication, by advice  
of my friend Henry Bentley Pres. Local  
B. & O. Co. this city, to Gen. Redpath, Gen.  
"Manager" Edison, Speaking Phonograph Co.,  
with a view of obtaining for Col. Wood's  
Western Museum & combination of Me-  
chanical & Living Wonders, the latest  
improved Phonograph & best Talc Shore.  
I also requested to know if Mr. Edison  
would object to the publication of 100,000  
pamphlets Autobiography of Yourself  
with anecdotes & illustrations, entirely  
devoted to advertising your wonderful  
and almost animate machines. Our  
remuneration would be obtained by  
selling the books at a trifle, while ex-  
hibiting the machines at Western  
States & Canada, eventually visiting Europe  
with the Wonders of American Ingenuity.  
Your machines—judging by what I have  
seen this summer in London, Liverpool,  
& here in Phil.<sup>a</sup>—have not had the

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advantage of the best methods of making  
their instruments generally known. Not one  
out of 10,000 of our population know  
anything except by manuscript article  
of the extraordinary Phonograph. It seems  
unfortunate that you lost control of these  
things. The true plan of selling the Phonograph  
would have been, say 100. and a  
monthly rental as royalty paid in  
advance. ~~Monthly~~ Pardon these remarks  
for suggestions. We want a Phonograph  
at the earliest possible moment also  
telephone for travelling exhibition for  
free only. We want your photograph  
for speculations to sell to visitors. We  
have a wonderful Brass Band, life  
size, worked partly by machinery and  
partly by electricity. I have just shipped  
it west to Col. Wood. I enclose  
a cut. Grass is now working on a  
musical band instrument having  
500 keys, imitating Horn instruments.  
Please answer and tell us  
the earliest possible moment we  
can have Phonograph, & terms that  
we may send check; also please  
say, in case we can use the cuts  
& publish your life (we have the North  
American Review & can get posters &c)  
whether you require a royalty on books  
for permission, &c. Address, Yours &c,

E. Mason, Jr. Bus. Manager.  
Col. Wood's Contributions.  
No. 1143 91st St. 10th St. Phila.



T. A. EDISON.

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10:00 am

Menlo Park, N. J., Sept 10 1878

NY 10

Edison

Will you be in today  
Painter wants see you  
Answer

E. H. Johnson

10:00 AM.

No. 9

T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J., Sept 10 1878

E. H. Johnson

203 Bldg  
NY

No Cant go to ny  
today Edison

G. H. H.

11:05  
cl  
H

T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J., Sept 10 1878

Nyc

Edison

If you will come in tomorrow  
he will remain over answer  
Ed Johnson

1154  
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T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J., Sept 11 1878

Ed Johnson

203 Broadway 114

Entirely too busy to

reply to it

Edison

1154  
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Office of Richmond & Harris,  
Railway Registering Pitches,  
1103 Broadway,

New York, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1878

Prof. T. A. Edison  
Dear Sir

In order to comply  
with what is known as the "Gay  
Contract," I have to report that there  
have been no sales of goods in  
which your phonograph invention  
has been used.

Yours &c  
C. J. Harris

(<sup>3</sup>1, 4. 17, 1878)

City of New York.

County of New York.

I Oliver D. Russell being duly sworn do depose and say, that neither I nor any one else authorized by me, has made sold or delivered any Toy or Toys such as are described in the contract entered into between Thomas A. Edison and myself on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1878. And further that due diligence has been exerted to render the Stereograph applicable to the articles enumerated herein, and when so perfected, which I am faithfully trying to do, true & correct returns shall be made under oath every month to the said Edison of all sales of such apparatus.

Oliver D. Russell

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1878.

Thos. Ryan

Notary Public

N.Y. City.

OFFICE OF  
The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

P. O. Box 5529.

New York, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1878.

My Dear Mr Griffin:

The bearer Mr Pike is anxious  
to get a phonograph for exhibition at Plainfield  
N. J. for a charitable purpose.

Should Mr. Edison find it con-  
venient to loan him a machine in this instance  
it would not conflict with any of our existing  
contracts and might be the means of largely  
adding to the receipts on the occasion.

With sincere regard

Yours Truly

Chas. E. Bailey  
Treas.

Mr. L. Le. Griffin  
Newark N. J.

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Sept 19 1878

Ny 19

Edison

Can I see you at  
home this afternoon. Answer quick  
Wt. River.

10 paid  
v. g.

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Sept 19 1878

Wt. River NY

Yes

Edison

2 Callist

134 Pm

4 va

Charles Harris

Sept 21/78

1193 Broadway

N.Y.

Will see you at uptown  
office one o'clock this afternoon

John Ott

10 paid

Mr. V. G.  
Pam.

T. A. EDISON

Menlo Park, N. J.

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... on call  
none seen but skinned with 250 (Photographic Type.)

New York.

To T. A. Edison  
or Frank McCracken —  
Sickness prevents my being  
there today  
sig C. B. Harris —

OFFICE OF  
The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

P. O. Box 5529.

New York

Sept 21 1878

My Dear Edison

I want to see you before you see  
Rowell. I think I can suggest  
a plan whereby you can  
do me a good turn - clear  
up the European Middle end  
put your financial interests  
here in good shape & bring  
you some return. The "good"  
it does me is in the  
direction of promoting your  
phonograph interests here too  
so that I do not hesitate to  
ask you to give me a hearing.  
It is almost impossible for me  
to get out. Give me a word. I don't  
know when you be in & will  
you postal card me?

Your Edison



OFFICE OF  
The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

P. O. Box 5529.

New York, 9-21 1878

Prof. T. A. Edison

Dear Sir

I find that C. B. Harris  
is making small Phonographs &  
has announced his intention of putting  
them on the market. I have seen  
his model in your workshop, &  
it is a clear violation of our  
license. & he was so informed when  
he commenced it. I have evidence  
that he has said he means to  
put a thousand on the market  
before ~~we~~ we knew it - Under our  
contract with you, the expense  
of stopping infringers is to be deducted  
from your royalties, unless we have  
some satisfactory assurance that he will  
not do anything with his model, we  
will be compelled to take him into the  
United States Court at once. An early answer  
will please W. H. Brown & Co. Edison Phonos

T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J., Sept 26 1898

Wet Letter P 26  
Prof T. A. Edison MD

Don't agree to anything about  
phonograph until I see  
you early next week. This  
Confidential answer  
W. H. Painter

Best.  
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LONDON.

BERLIN.

NEW YORK.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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New York, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1878

Thomas A. Edison Esq.  
Wentworth F. F.

Dear Sir

With a view to  
consolidating our arrangement with  
Mess Russell & Harris by which we  
may safely invest money to a  
large extent in the perfecting and  
manufacture of the Phonograph Toy  
we beg to ask if you would  
object to making a new contract  
or revising the existing one between  
yourself & the said Russell & Harris  
without however changing the general  
features of same

With Respects

Very Truly

H. W. Coffin Mgr

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Sept 28 1878

Yes Carmen  
Room 40 Coal and Bedding

See Bailey of Phono Co  
and get fifty dollars  
Edison

9254  
14900

11:00 am  
9/22

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 12 1878

U. H. P. A. Co.  
202 Albany, N.Y.

Edison will be  
here on 7th.

57. 66. 67.

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Sanderson  
Cousins

Office, 203 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY, . . . . P. O. Box 5539

Pittsby 9-28  
I will be ~~at~~  
Barnegat  
~~Hotel~~ Tuesday  
A m - write or  
wire me where  
I can see you  
Tuesday Pm,  
or evening

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From ~~THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN~~ *Manager-Edition Speaking Pneumograph Exhibitions*

I want to see you about the In-  
ventor I have been working lately at -  
at once and I have almost finished it

Office of  
Wilhelm L. Roosevelt,

40 West 15th Street,

New York Oct 10 - 1878

Thomas A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir -

Your favor  
of 9th is just rec'd. In the matter  
of your receiving royalty on  
Exhibitions I have not heard  
officially from the President but  
I will see Mr. Chas. at Rockaway  
tomorrow I think he will support  
me in my ideas on that subject  
which are that you should have  
royalty - I am coming out on  
Friday in the Elgin Clock train  
if you are going to be ~~here~~  
New York telegraph me about  
- Yours truly

Wilhelm L. Roosevelt

T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 11 1878

Hibbourn L. Roosevelt  
203 Broadway  
NY

I am just starting  
for New York  
Edison

CAT

9. Dr.

Office of  
Theodore Roosevelt

40 West 15th Street,

New York, Oct 11 1878

Church Organs

My dear Edison

I am sorry not to have been able to explain the state of the different cases - I have nearly fixed the Long business as you see but Russell will not deal with the Phonos but only with me. He is willing for me to arrange with the Phonos for myself and I propose for them to operate it having my half interest or the profits arising therefrom. In the matter of our own contract I have made the alterations we spoke of which I hope will meet your views. You see I put in the Exhibition royalty at the same time to close that up fairly to you - I think I can arrange with Russell on the basis I send - I am very anxious to restore peace in our camp and increase the value of our stock be -

Yours truly  
Theodore Roosevelt.

I enclose two letters for you to send me after copying in your letter book. If they are all right please send advance so they may be sent direct with the tags already 11-1878

Mendo Park, Oct. 12, 1878.

William S. Roosevelt Esq.,

Dear sir,

In the Matter of the Dry Contract I am wishing you  
 should take one half interest with Mr O Russell, on the following conditions.  
 You must take the business Management and Mr Russell must assist  
 you as far as is possible - There must be no clashing between you and  
 the Photograph Company. And to at least the the matter of the ~~single photograph~~  
 like you have made you can pay the Russell for about an hour business  
 which he must consider as his interest in them in fact - the rest of the cost  
 Mr Russell interest and good will of the Photograph Company (if I sold  
 would be the matter of the management of the business and I would be  
 sure to really in consideration of trying to keep the business for the benefit of  
 the selling of the Dry contract of the Russell - the matter of the fact in the  
 shape - It must be distinctly understood that Mr Russell must allow you  
 to have such parties to carry on the business as you desire, and he must assist  
 you all he can - The Experiments in Dry must be made at your expense  
 Yours truly



T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_ 187

Copy of enclosed letter,

H. L. R.

In the matter of the Toy Central I am willing you should take one-half interest with Mr. O. Russell on the following conditions: You must furnish the necessary capital, and take the business management, and Mr. Russell must assist you as far as possible. There must be no chinking between yourselves & the phonographs. I will waive the matter of the payment of \$6000, annually as a minimum sum for royalty for two years from the date hereof in consideration of your paying me timely present royalty on the selling price of the toys, instead of ten per cent, but at the expiration of the 2 years the \$6000 share shall again become operative but the royalty shall be reduced to 10 per cent. The above to be put in legal shape. Mr. Russell is to allow you to take in partners if you so require. The expenses in toys must be paid by yourself.

Menlo Park N.J. Oct 14. 78

Hilbourne L. Roosevelt Esq.

Dear Sir

In the matter of my contract with the Phonograph Co. I am willing for certain reasons and considerations to make the following additional clauses - I will release the Phonograph Co. or the parties with whom I made the contract, Messrs Hubbard, Cheever, Roosevelt, Painter, and Bradley from having to raise the sum of fifty thousand dollars (50,000) Cash Capital within a year of date of contract on condition they retain One hundred thousand dollars of stock (par value) in the treasury to be sold as needed to raise capital for carrying on the business. The price at which it shall be sold to be determined by the stockholders hereafter. And for the further consideration that I shall be released from paying to said Phonograph Co. or the gentleman above mentioned, the sum of eight thousand dollars in case the standard machine is still incomplete within the time specified and that I shall receive twenty per cent ~~royalty~~ on receipts of the Phonograph exhibitions account. The above to be drawn up in proper legal shape

Yours Respectfully

(Oct. 15, 1878)

City of New York }  
County of New York. }

I Oliver D. Russell being duly sworn do depose and say, that neither I nor any one else authorized by me, have made sold or delivered any Toy or Toys, such as are described in the contract entered into between Thomas A. Edison and myself January 7<sup>th</sup> 1878 - And further, that due diligence has been exerted to render the Phonograph applicable to the Articles enumerated therein, and that when so perfected, which I am faithfully trying to do, true & correct returns shall be made under oath every month to the said Edison, of all sales of such apparatus -

Sworn to before me }  
this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1878 }

Oliver D. Russell

Notary Public  
City of New York.

# 336, W. 17<sup>th</sup> St,  
New York Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 98  
Prof. J. A. Edison  
Munro Park  
N. J.  
Edison

Will you please deliver  
at my Address C. O. D. One of  
your Phonograph Complete  
with full working particulars  
full supply of tin foil,  
and directions should it get  
damaged or out of order.  
I shall send it to the  
Bohannas and to where there is  
but monthly communication  
where the duty is twenty five  
per cent

The Steamer "Cleopatra"  
is advertised to sail from  
here for Marsan this day  
but she will not sail  
until Wednesday or possibly  
Thursday, by this time.  
I am to ship.

I am to buy for another  
party so please allow me  
any discount possible

Very Respectfully  
Abt. J. Howell

T. A. EDISON.

✓

Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 16 1878

A.C. Bloes

112 Liberty st n.y.

Photograph<sup>500</sup> packed by ~~express~~ ~~at~~ fifty  
lbs foil posters etc ~~valued~~ one  
hundred and ten dollars answer quick  
if wanted  
~~for contact.~~

T.A. Edison

1/2 D.H.

12 1/2 N.Y.

T. A. EDISON.

(M)

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Oct 17 1878

My 17 T.A. Edison

Box and ship photograph  
by morning express foil &  
posters will put in separate  
box see letter  
a.c. Bloes

1/2 paid  
3a



11.30

336 W. 19<sup>th</sup> St.  
New York Oct 17-78  
Attn. E. Bailey  
203 B. my  
Debi

In reply to yours of this date. Would say the price as per draft in note is \$1100.00 to this effect I wrote to the West India's last M<sup>o</sup>. and in that basis I am ordered to purchase one at 110 & <sup>per</sup> cent.

Agnes died one at  
once of the best make &c

Car \$110 and Express costs,

P.S. Please return my  
Prof. Edison letter.

Alfred J. Bouelle



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New York, Oct 17 1878.

J. A. Edison Esq.  
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

Having called  
at the office 203 B'way & finding out that the  
foil & papers would not leave N.Y. until tomorrow  
morning. I thought it better to make a separate  
box ~~there~~ than run the risk & have them be  
received too late to ship with the Phonograph.  
I accordingly telegraphed  
you last evening & hope you will get the Phonograph  
off by morning express.

Yours truly  
A. C. Bloss

P. S. Please mail me bill.

OFFICE OF  
The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

P. O. Box 5529,

New York, \_\_\_\_\_ 18

My B. E. *My* Oct 19

I saw Louny and made an  
appointment with him for  
middle of next week. Meantime  
you will no doubt see him  
and by letting slip a remark  
indicative of your preference  
I have the Phon. Control in  
other hands than the Bell Co. You  
will facilitate my programming.  
He asked me for my opinion  
of your progress in Electric  
Tape I gave it him in my  
usual 'Dattelite' style

Yours Truly  
J. M. Johnson

T. A. EDISON.

9<sup>th</sup> Am

Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 24 1878

My 24<sup>th</sup> P. A. Edison

Can Russell + I see you  
some where soon it is important  
Answer forty west Eighteenth  
H. L. Roosevelt

Spaid  
pt 9.

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 25 1878

My To  
J. A. Edison

Will your majesty make  
an appointment for Russell  
and myself  
sig

Hellbourne L. Roosevelt

11 o'clock  
305<sup>th</sup> Am  
in F. G. G.

Ans by Batch from depot  
Knew as you know address

Boulder Colorado

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1878

Prof. J. A. Edison

Sir

I bought  
of "Edison Phon. Co." N. Y.  
a "100" Phonograph and am  
exhibiting same. I write to  
say that I would like to  
have the control of this state  
for any of your inventions that  
you control especially the  
Phonograph. Co. at least  
the Agency. Please inform  
me what advancement you  
have made in adapting the  
machine to public use as indicated  
in my article in N. A. Review

Ed. Wilson

Boulder

Colorado

E. H. JOHNSON.  
P. O. Box 5829.

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
209 BROADWAY,

New York, Oct 31 1878

My Dr Batchelor

This will introduce Mr  
J B Whinston one of  
our Phonograph Lecturers  
who wants to get a  
glimpse of Edison &  
his laboratory in order  
to be able to 'Talk' a  
little on it. He won't  
bother you much

Yours Eff J

OFFICE OF  
The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

P. O. Box <sup>3592</sup>  
~~3592~~

New York, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1878.

My Dear Edison:

Your favor of Saturday  
convinced me that the enclosed letter has  
arrived most opportunely. You are evidently  
well enough once more to "blow up" anybody  
or anything and have seems to be your chance.

Why you go at that man  
Johnson like one of those "Jack Rabbits" of the  
western prairies. Still he had no business to  
bother you personally, after what I told him;  
I did my best to keep him away entirely, but  
it was "no go".

I shall expect if I ever send  
another man to New York to have one of your  
"Lophoceros" by return mail. I send this  
by another Johnson. May he also meet  
a warm reception!

Yours ever  
C. E. D.

(Nov. 5, 1878)

Mills Park N. J.

1878

The partnership between O. D. Russell and Elias B. Davis  
in the matter of the Trog Phonograph Contract having  
been by mutual consent dissolved on Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1878  
I Thomas A. Edison hereby agree that O. D. Russell  
(being now the true and law full owner of said contract)  
shall transfer in consideration of the sum of One dollar  
paid and other valuable considerations - one undivided  
and unencumbered half interest in said Trog Phonograph  
contract to Wilbourn S. Roosevelt of the City and State  
of New York - Said Roosevelt may associate with  
him as partners the Edison Speaking Phonograph Co.  
I will waive the matter of the payment of Six  
thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) annually as a minimum  
sum for royalty - in consideration of a royalty  
of (20%) twenty per cent, being paid me on the selling  
price of the keys instead of ten (10%) per cent.

In the matter of the  
Day Phonograph

Dup signed & sent to  
H. H. Roosevelt  
Nov 5-74



T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J., Nov 11 1878

Ny 11 9th Edison Ma

I will pay 25 cts. royalty  
for contract to make small  
phone and pay on five  
thousand in advance

J. N. Coffin

reply  
may

send reply  
to phone Co  
Nov 11/78

T. A. EDISON,

(Nov 11)

Photographic  
Tape

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Nov 11 1878

1 New York - 30

John Oth care Edison's  
lab - etc.

Will you meet me at Edison's  
tomorrow or the day after  
around 5:30

C. R. Harris

10 paid

6 2

30 cts

John Oth

Ask more you know  
how get Re. this

7 collect John Oth

T. A. EDISON.

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Monro Park, N. J. Nov 12 1878

Mr Harris

So convenient  
NY

I shall not be able  
to see you today make  
it Saturday if convenient  
at five o'clock if you

John L. Cott

So Collect

11:40 am  
9 ma

OFFICE OF  
The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,

203 BROADWAY,

P. O. Box 3592  
CHAS. E. BAILEY TREAS.

New York, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Thomas A. Edison Esq.

There will be a special meeting  
of the stockholders of the Edison  
Speaking Phonograph Company at  
the office of the Co 203 Broadway  
N.Y. at 10 am on Saturday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>  
The meeting called for the 15<sup>th</sup> 1878  
inst. is hereby postponed to the  
above date

By Order of the Presd.  
C. H. Hudson  
Secretary

OFFICE OF  
The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

P. O. Box 3592.  
CHAS. E. BAILEY TREAS.

New York, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1878

My Dr Edison

Learning that you are coming  
in town tomorrow. I drop this  
to ask you to stop in at 203.  
& if I am not in tell Bailey  
where ~~he~~ <sup>you</sup> can find you  
~~I want~~ I may want you  
to draw some money &  
loan it to me till after  
Election. If you get the  
thing in my hands you  
will have a good bank to  
get your paper discounted  
in emergencies

Yours Truly  
E. N. Whisman

New York Nov 14/78

My Dear Edison

- Item 1. I have seen W.H. and have got him to consent to aid in the matter you spoke to me about when last at meals. all you want is to see him personally and make your bargain. He goes to Washon in a few days and can make his usefulness to you immediately apparent.
- Item 2. Having called a meeting of the ~~Stockholders~~ on only the notice required by Mariners Meeting, I had to revoke the call & make a new one with longer notice thus deferring the meeting until Nov 23. This gives me a few days longer to make the final payments on my stock.
- Item 3. Everything having panned out in Electric Light matters I have determined to absolutely control the Phonograph - tie myself up to it for a future. If I see the block of stock & call stock or other comparative strangers I may simply be jumping out of the frying pan into the fire. I therefore resolved

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to take in Riff and amitedly with  
his Painter's and your assistance  
purchase the thing ourselves - thus  
effecting my end beyond peradventure.

Item 4. \$2000. Cash are required. My resources  
are as follows.

Riff has paid \$500.  
Leaving to raise yet = \$1500.

Riff will raise \$500. possibly \$1000.  
Painter " " 500.  
Edison is asked for 500. to me = \$1500

Item 5. I find the Phonograph Co. owe you  
Royalties on Exhibitions about  
\$1300.

Item 6. I want you to make a demand  
upon us for a ~~partial~~ payment  
on this ac. upon whatever interest  
you please. (It is generally supposed  
that your Electric Light funds are only  
available for purposes strictly Elec.  
light - this is your best cue)

Item 7. I want to borrow this money

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until I get control.

Item 8. Riff, Painter & myself will mutually agree to be responsible for its early repayment.  
We will also agree to immediately allow the Royalty on Exhibition of and pay you the balance.  
Also, pay you the \$400 due by C.A.C.

Item 9. Possibly - Owing to the sympathy of the present Treasurer with the present Control - we may not be able to effect a payment to you on 7c - in that case are you in position to obtain elsewhere the \$200. for the brief interval between now and the meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. If not and I am blocked everywhere else then you ask some of your friends at P.L. & Stones to make the the loan -

I map out these points to prevent the possibility of failure - I may not have to resort to a single one of them.

This is your opportunity to 'Place'

me permanently in a position  
where I will be abundantly able  
to take care of myself henceforth  
at absolutely no risk to yourself

Make me solid - in this and  
the Photograph Co will prove  
a handy bank wherein you may  
at all times get accommodation  
for emergencies

Very truly Yours  
E. Johnson



( Nov. 15, 1878 )

City of New York }  
County of New York. }

I, Oliver D. Russell being duly sworn do depose and say, that neither myself or any one else authorized by me, has made, sold or delivered, any Toy or Toys such as are described in the contract entered into between Thomas A. Edison & myself, Jan'y 7, 1878. And further, that due diligence has been exerted, and is now being exerted, to render the Phonograph applicable to the Articles enumerated therein, and that when so perfected, true & correct returns shall be made under oath every month to the said Edison, of all sales of such apparatus -

Oliver D. Russell.

Sworn to before me

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1878

Thos Ryan  
Notary Public  
Co., of NY.

(Dec 1977) Sat  
Nov 23rd 1977 3 PM

DE

In complete possession  
in of E S P Co -

Pat - E H J - W E  
Chandler & G C R  
in bas - Th. Ex  
with you & I make

5 out of 9 -  
made new E G R  
U H P - E H J G C  
Hutner !!! -

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Expained fully  
the Pat's situation  
to E H J - Is too  
long to write, He  
will see you on  
Monday -

Your interests  
are well seen  
to!!

W H P

P. O. Box 5523.

(Form 106.)

The Telephone Company of New York,  
32 TRIBUNE BUILDING.

HILBORNE L. ROOSEVELT,  
CHARLES A. CHEEVER,

Managers, New York,

Nov 26 1878

Dear Edison

Three or four things  
have turned up that will  
make it impossible for me  
to go to Mend Park this  
afternoon am very sorry  
I want to see you  
much - Will you come  
in tomorrow to my office  
Review your agreement  
with Purkas - copy of  
your W. U. agreement  
and specifications  
for making Small Phones  
In haste  
Chas A Cheever

[DECEMBER 9, 1878]

Alli short of Phonos - if  
Not among the Large Brass one  
then I have one for you  
I sold ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> this month -  
Trade good yet, sorry didn't  
see you Saturday - will be  
out some day this week with  
your traps to the fine Phonos.  
Johnson

OFFICE OF

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,

66 READE STREET,

New York, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1878

P. O. Box 150.

Thomas A Edison Esq

Dear Sir:

A Special Meeting of the Stock-holders of The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company will be held at the office of the Company, No 66 Reade St New York at 10 am on Monday Dec 23-1878 for the purpose of ratifying the action of the last meeting.

A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 12 m of the same day and at the same place

By Order of the President

E. H. Johnson  
Secretary

OFFICE OF  
The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
66 READE STREET,  
Z

New York,

P. O. Box 150.

Mr Edison

Mr Brooks have  
asked me about this of  
what of it? Is there any  
portion we should pay.

Come in on Saturday - & I will  
see us this time in time  
to do some business. A friend  
of yours will be in town  
who has done you a good  
turn already & will do you  
more if you treat him half  
way respectfully.

Respectfully yours

Ed. Johnson

Your pc can  
be closed up  
at once if  
you wish come  
in & give it  
a little attention  
on Saturday  
E.H.

E.H. Johnson  
Nov 12

Copy to  
Wings  
Church Organs

What about  
it W

Office of  
Theodore L. Roosevelt

40 West 15th Street,

New York, Dec 13 1878

My dear Edison,

In looking over the  
agreement for transfer of one half  
interest in my contract I find  
the last sentence reads - "In consideration  
of a royalty of 20% being paid me  
on the selling price of the toys  
instead of 10% per cent." Of course it  
is understood to be on the "apparatus" we  
make and I would like you to kindly  
authorize me to substitute the word  
"apparatus" for "toys" as it so reads  
in the original contract but it was my  
fault that the mistake was made -

Yours truly

Theodore L. Roosevelt

Please remember me to the small daughter -



(Dec. 14, 1878)

City of New York  
County of New York.

I, Oliver D. Russell being duly sworn do depose and say, that neither I nor any one else authorized by me, have made, sold or delivered any Toy or Toys such as are described in the contract entered into between Thomas A. Edison and myself, Jan'y 7, 1878.

And further, that due diligence has been exerted, and is still being exerted, to render the Phonograph applicable to the Articles enumerated therein, and that when so perfected, true and correct returns shall be made under oath every month to the said Edison of all sales of such apparatus -

Oliver D. Russell.

Sworn to before me  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 1878.  
Thos. Ryan  
Notary Public C. of New York.

Respectfully submitted.

Oliver D. Russell.  
At 114 E. 19<sup>th</sup> St.

My dear



I find that under pretence  
of acting for the Phonos' Ambassador  
Thos retained from you a release  
from the obligation to pay you a definite  
sum per annum on the "Joy Contract".  
I immediately made it over to Russell  
& now both Ambassador & Russell are  
at work trying to sell their concession  
to the Phonos. I regard Ambassador's  
contract as dishonest & shall not  
allow the Co to purchase what he  
now proposes to sell i.e. a one half  
interest for \$2,000. & the Co to obligate  
themselves to spend whatever money  
Russell wants it to do, & to have no  
authority to do ~~us~~ anything whatever  
with it on about it that does not first  
receive the approval of Russell - a  
dead beat, who has never put in

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one cent, & who has put a mortgage  
upon it of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. to James  
signed which I am told is Harris

You have been overreached by  
these men, who mean to swindle  
you just as one of them tried to do  
on Phonograph by having the Co  
sell it the minimum price to  
agents & letting agents make the  
money - & you whistle for your  
royalty -

unless you now create  
further value to the Co contract  
they can do nothing with it - There  
has been a good bit of crookedness in  
it for eight months & I want you  
now to agree to keep hands off it  
for the present - Johnson & I have  
now got the Phonos in good shape,  
we have done the square thing by you  
we have put up our money squarely

I made your interests always  
the first thing with the belief  
 that you would appreciate it  
 if we made it a success & let  
 us try something else -  
 Whether we ever do anything  
 more for you or not, I want  
 you to stand by us on this - If you  
 had not given Roosevelt that release  
 & put him in position to hold the Jory  
 contract for four years more without  
 doing anything or paying you a cent,  
 we would have had it for the Pharoah's  
unencumbered before July!

Please let me hear from you -

Yours

W. D. Partridge

W.D.P.

I will do nothing full about  
 it without consulting you  
 7/2/26

W. H. K.

Concise  
and  
I will not  
be any more  
with 12



of 12-19 on hand -  
I think you ought to say to Roosevelt  
that "the Phrosoes" claim that the recent  
concession was given by you to him for  
the 'os' in order that the whole interest  
might be in one concern. That in violation  
of this he immediately assigned it to Russell  
but then refused to sell to the Phrosoes  
anything but a privilege to spend money,  
the result of which they could not achieve,  
& that you think he had better come  
to some understanding <sup>with the 'os</sup> before he asks you  
to do anything <sup>further</sup> with ~~the~~ it.

Roosevelt has threatened to make Phrosoes  
under the by contract & is acting very badly.  
He owes the Phrosoes \$2400. & wants us to  
settle it for \$500. I propose to make him pay it  
all - Cheena owes it about \$1100. They act like  
man-eating sharks & if I had not moved on them

works as the first sign of crookedness  
we would have been cleaned out.

I am going to my tonight. will be  
in Phoenix all day, while may you  
can come in & get a settlement &  
your money up to date. I am going  
to pay off every car we owe & put  
\$5000. in the bank in Phoenix & hold as a  
reserve fund.

Please send me copy of  
any letter you send to "R!"

Yours truly

U. H. Paine

Reiff had just notified me that  
he has \$500. more ready for me  
or am to call tomorrow morning  
get it and pay it over to  
Roosevelt - this reduces the  
probability of my having to  
call upon you & he may still  
further reduce the amount

Ex. J

Edison

What would you  
advise - in absence  
of my associates?  
I'm in favor of giving  
them at least a  
temporary agency?

Have tonight's G. for Evidence of  
the fact upon which I can  
act officially

JAMES REDPATH

P. O. Box 9529.

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company.

204 BROADWAY

(1875)

*Mr. E. H. [unclear]* 18

Send instructions for registering the phonograph  
records.

~~Get the [unclear]~~

Make the present bonite mount piece thicker  
in the middle. Enlarge the center hole so as  
to make it large enough to receive the shank  
of a second bonite mount piece which will contain  
a hole the same size as the one now used.  
The shank will have on its <sup>inner</sup> edge a thread  
which corresponds with a thread on the inner  
edge of the enlarged center hole of the old  
mount piece. The balance of the mounting



Piece is similar to the old one.

Here the air, the chord comes through  
the piece, place on its edge,  
either by gluing or fastening with a  
counter sunk pin. Three, four or five rubber  
pads as may be desired. By simply turning  
the new small ~~the~~ round, it having  
a rough edge to ~~hold~~ give a grip, the  
pads are pressed against the diaphragm  
with such pressure as may be required  
and thus a most delicate, equal and  
improved adjustment is given & the sound  
& articulation largely increased & perfected.

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Correspondence, accounts.

All selected.

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

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*Statements*

*Photographs Leo*

*Apr 18 78*

*Royalty for the month 30.00*

*W. H. Painter 7.50*

*C. Batchelor 2.25*

*J. Adams 1.13*

*D. L. Edson 19.12*

30.00

30.00

New York April 1898

Royalty to Thomas Edison  
for royalty on Phonographs  
sold during the month of April  
as per terms of agreement, as follows viz:

H. R. Jackson	7	30
J. C. Dutton	3	30
H. J. Bigelow	8	30
G. Curtis	15	30
J. F. Wilson	11	30

20% or

150 30

4/3000

3000

750

2250

1125

1125

1125

1125

1125

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Present	7.50
Pat.	2.50
Adams	1.13
Sum	11.12

3000

T. A. Edison Exp. in Yc with Chas. A. Cheever Insur

1878					
Feb 4	To Cash	p check to self		2000	
9	"	do	p " " "	6000	
Mch 11	"	do	p " " "	150	
15	"	do	p To Lancet for your order	100	
16	"	do	p Currency by E. A. Johnson	200	
22	"	do	p J. B. Bingham for your request	200	
28	"	do	p bill J. B. Cooke & Co	29 25	
April 2	"	do	p check to self	200	
25	"	do	p " " "	400	
30	"	do	p " " "	200	
				9479 25	

C. & C. E.

New York May 2/78

C. A. Cheever Insur  
p. S. C.

Monthly Report of The Edison Speak-  
ing Phonograph Company, as per  
Agreement with Thomas A. Edison. -  
— For May 1878 —

Purchasers and Lessees	Address	No. of Machines	Price
Chas. H. Kewall	Albany N.Y.	1	95 50
J. N. Pratt	Brooklyn "	2	95 50
H. H. Eldred	St Louis Mo.	3	95 50
J. B. Vale	New York N.Y.	4	95 50
F. B. Smith	Albany "	5	95 50
J. R. Lundy	Morristown N.J.	6	95 50
J. G. Luthridge	New York N.Y.	7	95 50
Thos. Mason	St Louis Mo.	8	95 50
Geo. H. Lott.	Grand Rapids Mich	9	95 50
J. C. Vogler	Concord N. H.	10	95 50
Bell Bros	Cincinnati Ohio	11	95 50
G. S. Pike	New York N.Y.	12	95 50
Richard. Hawthorn	Brewster "	13	95 50
J. H. Turner	Mt. Washington, Md.	15	95 50
M. J. Chappelle	Pennsylvania Pa.	16	95 50
J. B. Cook	New York N.Y.	17	95 50
B. V. Eaton	Clinton Pa.	18	95 50
R. D. Staats	New York N.Y.	19	95 50
Macdonald & Simmons	" "	21	95 50
L. W. Lamp	Clayton, Ills.	22	95 50
A. C. Rauch	Laurelton Pa.	24	95 50
A. K. White	Toledo, Ohio	27	95 50
Wm. McMahon	Boston Mass.	28	95 50
	Forward.		2196 50

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Richard. Hampton	Brewster "	13	95 50
J. L. Summers	Mt. Washington, Md.	15	95 50
W. J. Chappell	Susquehanna Pa.	16	95 50
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A. D. White	Toledo, Ohio	25	95 50
Wm. McMahon	Boston Mass.	28	95 50
	Forward.		2195 50

Forward.		
Everett O'Joss	Dover N.H.	29 95 50
P.S. Mosier	Charleston S.C.	30 95 50
J. Soule	Washington D.C.	31 95 50
McCall and Gore	New York N.Y.	32 95 50
Paul Ocker	do.	33 95 50
McCall and Gore	do.	34 95 50
Alexander T. Camden	Parkersburg W. Va.	36 95 50
Dr. R. W. Park	Waco Texas	37 95 50
J. M. Nixon.	New York N.Y.	38 95 50
Geo. H. Barnard	Portland Me.	39 95 50
J. J. Gleason.	New York N.Y.	40 95 50
Geo. H. Bliss	Chicago Ills.	41 95 50
Barrie Brandt	Japan	42 95 50
Piper Sawyer & Co	Newburyport Mass.	43 95 50
Ed. Bolles	Salem Mass.	44 95 50
Geo. C. Maynard.	Washington D.C.	47 95 50
Dr. W. M. Buttle	New York N.Y.	48 95 50
Geo. H. Bliss	Chicago Ills.	49 95 50
do.	do.	50 95 50
W. F. Dimon	New York N.Y.	52 95 50
Samuel A. Churchill	" "	53 95 50
W. M. Burnham	" "	54 95 50
Jas. J. Bargent	Maquoketa Iowa	56 95 50
		4395 50

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the foregoing list of Phonographs are the total number sold or Leased by the Edison Speaking Phonograph Company during the month of May 1878, and the amount \$4395.<sup>00</sup> was the total gross amount received for such sales or Leases.

Chas. H. Cheever  
Treas.

~~Wm. H. Smith~~  
The Edison Speaking Phon Co



T. A. EDISON.

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May 1878	
Ray for month	878.60
Painter	219.65
C. Batchelor	65.89
J. Adams	32.94
D. A. Edison	560.12
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	878.60 878.60

New York

May 1878

to Royalty to Thomas A Edison.  
 June 1<sup>st</sup> For Royalty on  
 Photographs sold during the month  
 of May as per terms of agreement,  
 as follows, viz:

Chas H. Jewell	Albany N.Y.	1	95 50
J.H. Pratt	Brooklyn N.Y.	2	95 50
N.H. Eldred	St Louis Mo	3	95 50
W. Hale	New York N.Y.	4	95 50
F.B. Smith	Albany N.Y.	5	95 50
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G.S. Rice	New York N.Y.	12	95 50
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A.D. White	Toledo O.	27	95 50
W. Mc Mahon	Dorset Mass	28	95 50
E.O. Foss	Dorset N.H.	29	95 50
P.T. Moray	Charleston S.C.	30	95 50
J. Soule	Washington D.C.	31	95 50

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Brought forward.		24 89
Mr. Call & Gore	New York ny.	32 95 50
Paul & Key	"	33 95 50
Mr. Call & Gore	"	34 95 50
Alexander Ramsden	Wilmington	36 95 50
E.W. Park	Waco Tex	37 95 50
M. Nixon	Waco Tex	38 95 50
J. H. Marcella	Portland Me.	39 95 50
J. J. G. Mason	New York N.Y.	40 95 50
C. H. Bliss	Chicago Ill.	41 95 50
Wm. Brandt	Japan	42 95 50
Peter Sawyers & Co	New York	43 95 50
E.C. Bolles	Salem Mass	44 95 50
J. C. Maynard	Nashu. N.C.	47 95 50
Wm. Battles	New York ny.	48 95 50
C. H. Bliss	Chicago Ill.	49 95 50
"	"	50 95 50
J. J. Simon	New York	52 95 50
L. A. Churchill	"	53 95 50
M. M. Brown	"	54 95 50
J. T. Largent	Maquoketa Ia	56 95 50

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New York

June 1898

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60 Royalty Nov to Thomas Addison  
 June 29<sup>th</sup> 1898 Royalty on  
 Photographs sold during the month  
 of June 1898 as per terms of agreement,  
 as follows, viz:

Geo. W. Mason  
 Elliott Mason  
 Samuel Hubbard

14 95 50

20 95 50

57 95 50

62 95 50

Ed. W. Jones

53 95 50

58 95 50

C. H. Lake

57 95 50

59 95 50

J. M. Nixon

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C. H. Thayer

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J. J. Gleason

62 47 75

N. C. Gray and

63 95 50

C. Barnes

67 95 50

L. T. Weld

70 95 50

G. H. Bliss

71 95 50

73 95 50

74 95 50

75 95 50

J. R. Smith

72 95 50

J. L. Ross

76 95 50

F. W. Smith

Newark 76 95 50

Alfred Smith

Phila 76 95 50

W. F. Wheeler

77 95 50

46 95 50

C. B. Harris

79 95 50

E. Mc Crocker

80 95 50

F. H. Kulland

81 95 50

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T. A. EDISON.

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<i>June</i>	
<i>Pay for month</i>	<i>506.15</i>
<i>W. H. Painter</i>	<i>126.53</i>
<i>C. Balchew</i>	<i>37.96</i>
<i>J. Adams</i>	<i>18.98</i>
<i>D. A. Carson</i>	<i>322.68</i>
	<hr/> <i>506.15</i> <hr/>

J. A. Edison Exp. in c<sup>o</sup>. with The Edison Speaking Phone Co.

1875	May	11	To Cash p <sup>d</sup> J. A. Edison in c <sup>o</sup> .		200
"	"	18	" do p <sup>d</sup> do "		100
June	"	1	" do p <sup>d</sup> do "		500
"	"	4	" do p <sup>d</sup> do "		75
"	"	21	" do p <sup>d</sup> do "		75
"	"	29	" do p <sup>d</sup> do "		450
					<u>\$1400 -</u>
1878	June	1	By Royalty on Phonos. sold. as pr statement recd <sup>d</sup> 20% on \$4393.40		878.60
July	"	1	do do 20% on \$2530.75		506.15
	"	"	By Balance		15.25
					<u>\$1400 -</u>
1878	July	1	To Balance		15.25
					<u>\$15.25</u>

E. V. O. E.

New York July 1, 1878.

Due for April \$30.  
on Balance 1525  
Still due - \$1475

Paid \$100 July 13.

T. A. EDISON.

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July —  
Pay for the month 93.10  
W. H. Paine 23.27  
C. B. Batchelor 698  
J. Adams 349  
D. A. E 5936  

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The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

New York, August 15<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Thomas A. Edison Esq.  
Ment Park, N.J.  
Dear Sir.

Please find below statement of  
Phonographs sold during the month of  
July 1878.

\*87. W. B. Duimore @ 185.  
\*84. Victor Spaenhoven " 186.  
\* \*72. H. Clay Ford " 95.50  
\$ 465.50

20% of above amt or \$93.10 has been  
accordingly passed to the credit of your  
account in our books.

\* This machine find you  
royalty in June refint, was  
exchanged for \$81 to which  
this royalty now applies.

Very truly yours

Chas. C. Dancy

93.10  
465.50  
474.60

93.10  
135.50  
72.40

Treas.

1910  
26.60  
1678.90  
1704.50



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August	
Ray for receipt	409.40
W H Pariter	102.35
let Balchelo	30.70
Jaacuna	15.35
D. E.	261.00
	<u>409.40</u>

OFFICE OF  
The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

P. O. Box 5529,

New York, September 10<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Thomas A. Edison Esq.  
Menlo Park, N.J.

My Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will please find  
Monthly Statement of Phonographs sold and del.  
during the month of August.

I have explained to your Mr. Giff.  
for the cases where machines have been received  
in exchange for those of improved style, and after-  
wards sold; also about the two machines sold  
to Mr. Jones at your request in which you were  
erroneously paid a royalty of more than we need  
for the machines.

I have been disappointed in not  
seeing more of you since your return from the West  
but am gratified to hear that you are progressing  
with the development of a standard machine.

Hoping to soon have the pleasure  
of a call from you I am Very truly Yours

Chas. E. Sailer  
Treas.

# Statement of Photographs sold and deltd. in August '78.

C. C. Cogswell	*2. Royalty for May. memo for	*26.	95.50
John T. Mason	*10. " " " "	*65.	95.50
W. Chamberlain	Royalty for Exchange	*21.	
Geo. W. Sherrwood		*25.	95.50
J. R. Smith	Royalty for June	*82.	
E. B. Hamlin	Royalty for June	*87.	
Young & Switzer	"	*66.	95.50
W. J. Westwood		*69.	95.50
Morris Simmonds		*83.	185.
Geo. H. Bliss		*89.	185.
John Portcham		*90.	185.
D. A. De Kenna	Co.	*92.	185.
Wesley DeGraaf		*93.	185.
Geo. Washburn		*94.	185.
W. F. Jameson		*95.	185.
C. A. Sullivan		*96.	185.
E. B. Hamlin		*97.	185.
C. C. Cogswell		*104.	95.50

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20% of above is

447.60

Deduct Royalty on two photos.  
No. 55 and 58, which paid royalty in  
June refund by error, having been sold at  
cost to P. W. Jones to go to Dr. Ammon  
by Mr. Edison's direction 2 @ 95.50 each

20% is

191.

38.20

# 449.40

This Amt. \$449.40 is carried to the  
credit of your A/c this day

E. &amp; C.

New York Sept. 10. 1878.

OK W.C.

T. A. EDISON.

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*September*

*Pay for the month 461.*

*W. H. Pomeroy 115.25*

*Co. Barchon 34.57*

*J. H. H. 17.28*

*T. A. Edison 293.90*

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*461 00*

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OFFICE OF  
The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

CHAS. E. BAILEY TREAS.  
P. O. Box 5529.

New York, October 8<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Thomas A. Edison Esq.  
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir:

Please find herewith my report of sales for the month of September, which shows a gratifying continuance of public interest in your invention; the demand however for these merely experimental instruments, cannot be expected to last many months longer, but will I hope be replaced by sales of the "Standard machine" which I understand you are perfecting.

While appreciating that you are always very busy we should be glad to see you often when in town.

Very Truly

Chas. E. Bailey  
Treas.

Statement of Photographs Sold and del'd. in September 1878.

A. M. Musser (Royalty paid)	* 1.	
Jacob Backus	* 8.	
H. A. Parr	* 19.	
Silvery Laws	* 80.	185
J. N. Dartensbury	* 86.	185
M. J. Higginbotham	* 91.	185
E. B. Hamlin	* 98.	185
Ditto	* 99.	185
W. L. McGee	* 100.	185
E. H. Harvey	* 102.	185
A. C. Lovell	* 105.	185
E. B. Hamlin	* 106.	185
M. B. Lopez	* 107.	185
J. P. Calvert	* 108.	185
Orin Bros	* 109.	185
E. B. Hamlin	* 110.	185
		\$23 05

20% on above amt is)

\$ 461

This amt. \$461. is accordingly  
passed to the credit of your day  
this day.

E. W. E.

Newark Oct. 8. 1878.

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OFFICE OF  
The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

P. O. Box <sup>3592</sup>  
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CHAS. E. BAILEY TREAS.

New York, October 31<sup>st</sup> 1898.

Thomas A. Edison, Esq.  
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir:

By direction of your Mr. Griffin  
I have paid for and charged to your ac. during  
the present month the following

Oct. 18.	50 pounds B Foil dtd. A. C. Ross	7.50
	5 Boxes containing same	@ 25¢ 1.25
" 25	14 pounds extra foil	@ 40¢ 4.
	1 Box dtd. Mr. Cannon	.25
" 29	A. S. Secor for 50 2 page letters	16.50
"	" " 100 4 line cards	2.50
	for order of Mr. Griffin	
		<u>\$ 32.00</u>

Very Respectfully  
Chas. E. Bailey  
Treas.

July	1 -	1000	Roadway
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	20	50	
	24	1500	
	27	50	35550
Aug	1	10	Don't Washington
	3	50	
	10	200	
	15	200	
	17	50	
	24	50	
	31	50	610
Sept	7 -	50	✓
	12	222	63 ✓
	21	50	
	28	50	572.62
Oct	5	450	
	18	X 8.75	Stone
	30	X 19.00	✓ Potten
	31	X 4.25	face
	35	X 100.00	
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 194 15  
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T. A. EDISON.

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October  
Ray for month 1461  
W H Paine 115.25  
C Balchola 34.57  
J Adams 17.28  
D A Edison 293.90  

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1451.00

OFFICE OF  
The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

3592.  
P. O. Box ~~5500~~  
CHAS. E. BAILEY TREAS.

New York, November 7<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Thomas A. Edison Esq.  
Menlo Park,  
N.J.

My Dear Sir: I have the pleasure of submitting  
herewith the Company's statement of phonographs  
sold during the month of October.

Very truly yours

Chas. E. Bailey  
Treas.

Statement of Photographs Sold and sold in October 1878.

J. B. Johnston	\$112.	186
John H. Hunter	\$113.	135
Mr. J. J. Villiers	\$115.	135
D. C. Field	\$116.	110.
C. M. Page	\$120.	135
H. A. Chute	\$121.	85
Rev. Thomas Douglas	\$122.	135
Wesley Degress	\$124.	110.
L. T. Humphreys	\$130.	85
Brown & West	\$131.	85
N. F. Dexter	\$133.	85
S. W. Branch	\$134.	85
H. Murray	\$135.	85
Edward Jones	\$136.	85
James Lowe	\$137.	85
A. J. Howell	\$138.	85
W. W. Wheatley	\$139.	85
Dick Maitre	\$140.	85
Geo. H. Bliss	\$141.	85
U. S. Adams	\$142.	85
John R. Burton	\$143.	85
S. A. Kennedy	\$144.	85
Prof. Albert Johnson	\$145.	85
	\$2305.	
	\$1461.	

20% on above amt is  
which sum \$461. is accordingly  
passed to your credit on our books  
this day.

THE EDISON SPEAKING  
PHONOGRAPH COMPANY.

Chas. C. Bailey

Treas

E. & C. S. New York Nov. 7. 1878.

T. A. EDISON.

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Ray for me

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W H Paul

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C. Balch

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J Adams

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J A E

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OFFICE OF  
The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,

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P. O. Box ~~5992~~  
150.

~~BROADWAY~~  
66 Nassau St.

New York, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1898.

CHAS. E. BAILEY TREAS.

Thomas A. Edison Esq.  
Mentlo Park  
N. Jersey -

Dear Sir:

Please find herewith Nov.  
Report of Sales of Phonographs - which  
shows quite a falling off from last month  
though it is to be expected that the interest  
in a more elaborate machine will die out.  
but Mr. Johnson hopes to produce something  
before long that will excite a new demand -

Very truly yours

Chas. E. Bailey  
Treas.

## November Report of Phonographs Sold &amp; Sold.

J. O. Eastwing	\$ 88.	85.
Irving Moses	* 125.	85.
A. Shaver Caldwell	* 126.	110.
Robert Murray	* 127.	85.
Philip T. Warner	* 128.	135.
Dr. J. L. Custida <small>Brass Machine</small>	* 132.	175.
R. C. Cathedral Fair	* 146.	110.
L. C. Cleveland	* 147.	85.
A. D. Wescott Jr.	* 148.	110.
L. A. Ludwig	* 149.	85.
		<u>\$ 1065.</u>
		<u>213.</u>

20% or. above amount is/

which amt. 213. is carried

to the credit of your Co this day

THE EDISON SPEAKING  
PHONOGRAPH COMPANY.

Chas. E. Squirey

E. H. & Co. New York Dec 14, 1878 <sup>WAS.</sup>

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J. Adams  
Phonographs  
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$$\begin{array}{r} 18.25 \\ 13.47 \\ 67.3 \\ \hline 114.55 \\ 213.00 \end{array}$$

November  
REPORT  
of  
Phonograph Co.

CHAS. E. BAILEY TREAS.

Containing all  
of the statements  
since company  
began up to  
Jan 1. 1898

Balance then  
owing to 7a Edwards

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W.C.

affidavit of  
Charles M. Cheever, Treas.

203 Broadway,

New York, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1878.

R. R. Dur 5872.

Mr S. L. Griffin

Menlo Park

Dear Sir:

There appears a balance of  
\$113<sup>40</sup> due Mr Edison on Original Agreement  
for the Phonograph on my book.

This amount was due from  
Mr Painter and we understood that  
he has settled it directly with Mr Edison  
please give us data as to the same so  
that we can close the matter.

Yours truly  
Chas. A. Cheever

H. W. L. Cander



# Statement of Phonographs Sold & Rented in December, 1878.

M. Schenck	#101	135
J. C. Cyren	#111	110
J. C. Erdman	#117	85
Chas. W. Malden	#118	65
F. J. Schmale	#119	85
Geo. W. Riles	#129	135
Joe H. Long	#151	85
W. J. Carter	#152	85
W. C. Chamberlain	#152	85
J. Clark	#155	85
Chas. S. O'Leary (No. Rental)	#158	-
Chas. J. Mills	#157	85
J. S. Cameron	#159	85
S. R. Wells & Co.	#162	85
Richard M. Harris	#161	85
	#165	

20% of \$1365, amt. sales, is \$273  
 to which add Rental of 20% on Net  
 Receipts of Rental for Exhibitions to  
 Oct. 1/78, deducting Repaid to Salaries  
 20% on \$519.55

Total Rental to Mr. Edison Credit \$804.91

Granted Allowance for supplies on 100 Phon.  
 Machines, less \$5 each \$200  
 20% of \$200 \$40

Credit to Mr. Edison Credit \$1348.91  
 E. M. Johnson, Treas.

1878

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Jan. 1

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## Statement of The Edison's with The Edison P. Co.

By Royalty for May

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Bal due Mr. Edison - \$822.03  
to Jan. 1/79

1878. Phonograph - Foreign (D-78-032)

Correspondence, some by Edison; memorandum, agreements, account, patent assignment, clippings.

Not selected: duplicate copies of correspondence, duplicate copies of agreements.

send us, specifications  
or description, in the  
interest of scientific  
research.

It could you refer  
us to anyone in England  
who would really assist  
us in the matter.

We congratulate you on  
your many inventions  
not least the "Electric  
Pen" which the writer  
uses in his business.

I am, dear Sir,  
Yours very faithfully  
Arch. D. Durrant

*Arch. D. Durrant*

Archibald D. Durrant

Jan 28. 78

11 Vere Street  
London W. England  
Jan. 28. 1878

Thomas Edison Esq.  
Newark

Dear Sir:

Several scientific  
friends have watched  
with intense interest the  
accounts which have  
appeared in various  
English publications respecting  
your recent invention the  
"Phonograph". We are  
asking too much to repeat  
ing you of possible to

P. V. Bolosky  
Nov 28

Paris, the 4 February 1876.



Sir!

Having read in the St. Peter. Herald a great  
great notice the Monograph, you have in-  
vested has obtained, it was so taken with it,  
that I could not resist writing and to ask  
you to send me such an apparatus, on receipt  
of which it would be paid for, or to send the  
price of the same.

P. V. Bolosky.

Honess. Paris, Russia - Holland.

or even  
S. P.  
Long list  
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# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, New York  
& H. BREWSTER, Sec'y.

Dated London Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1878

Received at Muscle Park,

By Edison

First Class House  
agrees to advance 2000  
pounds cash for English  
Phonograph and to give  
us half profits on whole  
sale and retail sales  
Expenses all borne by them  
Reply immediately and press  
for 5000.

Puskas

39 London

NEW YORK OFFICES OF J. C. MORRISON,

METROPOLITAN LIFE BUILDING,

COR. CHURCH ST. & FINE ST. N. Y.

32nd St. N. Y. Feb 23 1878

Prof Thomas A Edison  
Menlo Park. N. J.

Dear Sir

On behalf of clients in England  
we write to ask if you are open to  
negotiations for the sale of the  
European rights in the patent  
Phonograph invented by you. The  
parties we represent are widely  
known and responsible and  
have the necessary capital to  
organize the business and intro-  
duce the invention to whatever  
extent desired and can arrange  
to do so upon shares with you  
with a cash bonus. If you have

JC Norton  
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disposed of the rights to England,  
an arrangement can probably  
be made with reference to the  
continent or to France and  
Germany alone.

Should you be disposed  
to treat with us, we can furnish  
you with names of our clients  
which will satisfy you of their  
ability to carry out any agree-  
ment entered into.

An answer by return  
mail, if convenient, would  
oblige.

Yours Respectfully  
Norton & Olney.



Month No. 1.

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WILLIAM GINTON, Pres<sup>t</sup>, New York  
A. H. BREWSTER, Secy.

Dated New York Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 1878

Received at Ambo Post

Dr. J. A. Edison

It affords me much  
pleasure to communicate to you  
the following very complimentary  
message from France.

London, Prince Daga Mr Edison  
The Society of Telegraph Engineers  
was at their meeting.

Right truly congratulations and  
thanks to Mr Edison for the services  
he has rendered to Applied Science  
By his invention of the Phonograph  
which interested and delighted  
a crowded audience -

W. Baer

Horton & Olney  
Mar 1. 78

New York March 1<sup>st</sup> 78  
Res Office of J. C. Horton  
32 Park Place

J. A. Edison Esq.  
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

We are in receipt of your favor of Feb 25. We should judge from your statement of the situation respect ing the European right to the Phonograph, that your proposition made by cable has been accepted conditionally by the London parties. That being the meaning of their request to you to await their letters, other wise they would have accepted at once by cable.

We have only to say in reply to your favor of above date, that should

your mail advises prove un-  
satisfactory to her, by reason  
of the modifications attach-  
ed to your proposition, and  
you should thus be left open  
to other negotiations. We  
think that we could  
get you a better cash  
offer from our clients than  
you have demanded.  
Should this occasion  
arise we would cable  
at once to our correspon-  
dent in London. We  
wrote him on the subject  
by the Russian Steamer  
which left this port  
Feb 23, and is due at  
Southampton (Eng.) next  
Tuesday.

It would be  
pleasing to you, Mr

Horton might visit Shanks  
Park and witness the  
experiments with the  
diagraph (which we only  
learn of from current re-  
port) at any time you  
would advise us that  
you would be at home.

Respectfully Yours  
Horton & Olney

Mr E. d. m. to say & to that  
He will be at home  
Tuesday next and would  
be pleased to show you and  
friends the phonographs  
& suggests that you come on  
the 3 pm train from NY  
returning at 6.20.



My dear Sir,

I now write to you to say that I have at last called the Agreement with Mr. Puskass relating to the Photographs and the Agreement is transmitted by this mail for your signature, with the sum of £500 (Five hundred pounds) to be handed to you by the Bank of New York on the due execution of the Deeds - copies of which, with our signatures have been already transmitted to you by Mr. Puskass.

Wish that we may be enabled to transact a very satisfactory

business together, and I consider it most important that if you have made any essential improvements - as I gather from your Telegram to Mr. Puskass, you have - that you should at once patent them in this country, so that if the original Patent should be upset, there would stand

this is very necessary to our mutual success.

Next, it is most important that you should send me as early as possible, even two of the plate machines, in order that our representatives may take orders from them, while the excitement of the Novelty is commencing. Also if possible a block for a similar purpose. I understand the small Toy Machine is expected at the Fair to be sent to you, and I am waiting to see how that works

I should much like to see you for the purpose of discussing the matter in person. I trust you are going to the Fair.

Yours &c. W. H. Waller

Nov 7, 78

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that I may cable an order at once,  
if satisfactory.

I feel confident that this  
Instrument is only in its infancy,  
and that your great inventive  
genius will make it one of the  
Scientific Marvels of our Age.  
I have advanced this sum of  
money on the faith of this, and  
I trust that we shall work  
most cordially together - that  
you will buy all that we require  
in the best market, and have  
the Instruments well improved  
before leaving. In a word it will  
be to the interest of us both to buy  
in the cheapest market, and sell  
at the best price, we can obtain  
consistently with securing an  
extensive sale.

I think I may say without  
Exaggeration, that our House will be  
able to do the best for your  
Invention.

As our speciality lies in bringing  
out Scientific Novelties, and I feel  
sure that you will see this to your  
own interest as well as ours to  
keep up the supply that we  
shall require, and to sustain  
us with your aid and advice  
in every possible way.

Repeating our expression of  
confidence that we shall be  
able to do a large and satisfactory  
business together, and  
congratulating you upon being  
the Inventor of so ingenious and  
important an Instrument.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

Joseph Nottidge  
Manager Partner

J. A. Edison Esq.  
Marlow Park  
New Jersey, U.S.A.



COMMERCIAL CHAMBERS,

West Bromwich,  
England

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1878

Let Edmon & Co  
Newark

New Jersey U.S.A.

Dear Sir

Yours to hand, we shall be most happy  
to do something with your Phonograph so soon as  
matters are settled.

Could you give our names to your English  
agents? We should also be glad if you would  
also give us their names, with the view to business.

Faithfully Yours

Augustus Westwood & Co

Referred to  
London

Enclosed to  
T. A. Edmon

Thos Puckness

Mar 18. 1878

Langham Hotel,

Portland Place, London, W.

Phons

18<sup>th</sup> March 78

My dear Edison.

I received yesterday  
in Paris the enclosed  
letters from Vallance  
& Vallance -

This morning I arrived  
here from Paris  
and unpacked the  
small phons. The  
mouthpiece was broken  
off, the ferrotype disk  
cut through etc. etc. -  
I find that three of

the screws by which the  
phono. was fastened to  
the bottom of the box  
<sup>(that is, they were entirely out,</sup>  
got loose) and the phono  
was knocked ~~against~~  
the top of box till the  
mouthpiece broke off. -  
The screws are too small,  
I think they ought to  
go through the bottom  
and fastened to it from  
the outside by nuts.

I showed the phono to  
Notlage but naturally  
could not work it. -  
Tonight I am again  
going over to Paris and

will see ~~there~~ for how  
much I can get them  
manufactured there.  
If the difference in price  
between American & French  
make is not great  
then Notlage will give  
orders at same place  
where I order mine  
for the Exhibition.  
I think Hardy will be  
my man; - he is also making  
your pens. - Notlage  
may perhaps order some  
phonos in France and  
some in the States. -  
I have not received  
as yet the tin-foil. -



Am also anxiously waiting  
for the telephones.

My trip to Brussels  
was very satisfactory, -  
everybody was enthusiastic  
about your phones. - I think  
I have now to stop with  
exhibiting the phones - till  
I get at least several hun-  
dred ready for the market.  
The excitement is already  
great. - They write in  
every parisian paper  
long articles about it.

More from Paris

Yours truly

J. P. Cusack

Hope you will soon send  
over all the things you  
want to have exhibited  
besides the phones,  
telephone and  
pen.

W York mch 26/8.

T. A. Edison {

Please come up here if  
possible before you go  
out this Pm. Phonograph  
Business - Paris -

Yours Eff

28 Feb.

Mr Thomas A Edison  
Electrician

Garden Place,  
Melbourne,

New Jersey N. S. America South Australia, April 9 1878

Dear sir The writer having visited the pentennial, saw your Electric Pen & bought away samples of its work but as we had our hands full with numerous other American inventions which we were taking in hand to introduce them to South Australia & some of them to the whole of the Australian Continent <sup>we did not at first time touch your pen</sup> we send you per same post a few newspapers by which you will see that we occupy a leading position in commercial circles in South Australia. The papers of the latest date contains paragraphs in re your electric Pen. Having read an account of your wonderful Phonograph or talking instrument, we at once decided to write asking you to appoint us your Agent for South Australia or the whole of Australia just as you please. We leave it to your judgement as to the kind of appointment you give us, but we refer you to Messrs Bunt & Alden of 133 Market St Phila Pa who have assigned over to us their entire patent right for ~~South Australia~~ the whole of Australia Tasmania & New Zealand & if you will take the trouble to snap a line to the above firm you will, we think find that they are thoroughly satisfied with the result of their assignment as they have received a large amount of money from us as royalties on their patent. We think if you are willing to ~~submit~~ <sup>submit</sup> us with your patent in this land that you will reap a benefit, but if not you will not receive

any benefit whatever, for according to our laws no article can be patented ~~after~~ after it has been used here, so if you are agreeable to our proposition kindly attend to it immediately as that is the only chance. We enclose an assignment form for you to fill up which will be quite sufficient authority for us to take immediate steps to protect the invention. You will see by the enclosed paragraphs that the writer was the first to succeed with Professor Bello Telephone on this side of the Globe. Mr. W. Churchill of 493 Greenwich St New York knows us well & if you thought proper to send us one of your phonographs he would see to having it forwarded to us with all speed as he transacts a large amount of business for us Hoping to hear from you per return mail

We remain yours faithfully

Please don't fail to reply per return post deciding one way or other

J. H. J. Dolbe

per W. H. Dolbe


P.S. If you have any other inventions that you would like introduced to this side of the water you might assign them as above & you would have no cause to regret it

Of course you can please yourself as to what kind of agreement or terms you make with us in the matter but we enclose the usual form. The terms are the same as we have with Bunt & Alden, but please give us authority to take immediate action otherwise it will become public property. If you preferred we could patent it in your name joined with ours. Yours faithfully J. H. J. Dolbe

# ASSIGNMENT.

WHEREAS, I, Thomas A. Edison  
 County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of New Jersey  
 did obtain Letters Patent of the United States for  
 new and useful improvement in Phonographs  
 dated \_\_\_\_\_ 1877 and numbered \_\_\_\_\_

Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that for and in considera-  
 tion of the sum of ~~one~~ one Dollar, to me in hand  
 paid, the receipt of which I acknowledge, I do hereby sell, assign  
 and transfer unto Alexander Williamson Bellie & James Williamson  
 the sum of one dollar, all my right,  
 title and interest in and to my said improvement and the Letters  
 Patent therefor. The same to be held and enjoyed by the said  
Alexander Williamson Bellie & James Williamson and assigns to the full end of  
 the term for which such Letters Patent are granted as fully  
 and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed  
 by me if this assignment and sale had not been made. 1877

**Witness,** hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1877 Thomas A. Edison 

Sealed and delivered in presence of

Sam Brown

[ENCLOSURE]

[illegible]

RESIDENT DIRECTOR IN EUROPE  
GEORGE T. COURAUD.

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1898

Phon.  
NEW YORK CITY U.S.A.  
120 BROADWAY

The Mercantile Trust Company

6, Lombard Street, E.C.

Corner of St. Andrew's Lane.

London Sept. 1898

My Dear Erson

I counted yesterday with  
Alderman Waddy who  
is also Sheriff of London  
& I think I may say that  
so far as he is concerned he  
is a very good man to have  
the phonograph in hand -  
but he is evidently not  
pleased at having to do  
with Passus - a subject upon  
which he spoke with much  
emphasis and some feeling  
I thought - He expressed the  
hope that you had not  
given him Passus a power  
of attorney to act for you

in any connection with your  
interests in England. ~~and~~  
begged me to ~~not~~ persuade  
you not to do so. Parsons  
told him he had written to  
you & gave him such a Paper.  
If not too late you may  
have my services in this  
connection, upon the same  
terms as you had thought  
of giving Parsons. I am  
especially well situated here  
to cooperate with Porter  
& am sure I could make  
your ultimate profits  
larger than they would be  
otherwise ~~to~~. It seems  
absolutely indispensable  
to your best interests that  
you should have some interest  
with you in whom you know  
you rely & who lives here.



Allen says your last first  
telephone didn't work at all  
He is much interested to  
see how the last will go.  
If you could you simply  
forward London

Accepted - I shall know  
that you accept me as your  
attorney in the Phonograph  
and will at once advise  
not only who will I know  
be much pleased -  
I will then have proper  
paper drawn ready to  
fill in the share in the  
Patent - what you shall  
decide to give me for  
my services

Yours faithfully

Wm. E. Howard

Remits this let me know soon as you  
promised - what you will take for 1/4  
of your interest in Wright's Patents of Phonos.

Dear Sir, Please refer to Henry C. The Edison Phonograph Co 574 Chicago  
London who presented English instrument of the Phonograph - your letter  
Erie Railway Shareholders' Committee

JOHN LIVINGSTON, COUNSEL, 154, WEST FOURTEENTH ST.

DIRECT LETTER TO  
P. O. BOX 2566.

NEW YORK, April 23 1878.

Thos. A. Edison, Esq.

My dear Sir:

By Sir Henry  
W. Tyler, of Wyvenhoe Hall,  
Colchester, England, Railway  
Inspector of the British  
Board of Trade, (now Pres-  
ident of the Grand Trunk  
of Canada -) to ask whether  
you will kindly inform  
me of the Prices of  
the Phonograph, - the files  
&c Any circular giving

Erie Railway Shareholders' Committee.

JOHN LIVINGSTON, COUNSEL, 154, WEST FOURTEENTH ST.

Direct Letters to  
P. O. BOX 2566.

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NEW YORK, \_\_\_\_\_ 1878.

The desired information I shall be happy to receive and transmit to his office in London. ++ You may remember him as the gentleman who came to inspect the Erie line, in 1874, by permission of Parliament. He is the best informed Railway Expert in all England.

Resd John Livingston



2, BOW CHURCH, YARD,  
LONDON, E.C.

April 24<sup>th</sup> 1898

Dear Mr. Edison

I duly received  
the Deeds by your letter of the  
23<sup>rd</sup> ult. & a Magazine and  
Newspaper ones for which  
accept my thanks. There was  
something I ought to have  
had but only received the  
cover perhaps it would be  
as well in future to tie the  
publication round with twine  
& write on it, instead of on a  
paper wrapper.

Disclaimers

It's very important you should  
settle these, as if any claims  
are laid they affect the  
whole part of the patent equally

with the other. Mr. Grell  
thinks with myself that this  
is most essential. as I hope  
you will give your Solicitor  
instructions immediately

### Improvements

It is also very important  
you should secure these, as  
we shall be having persons  
taking out patents here for  
the improvements you have  
already invented in America  
which will include our  
using them.

### Plate Machine

I quite appreciate that you  
say upon this that it would  
be very unwise to bring it  
out prematurely. I shall  
be glad to receive the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
instrument you promise.

### Cook

I shall be glad to get this  
so that we may send over

orders for them. I do not  
think they need trouble themselves  
about excessive cheapness for  
a Novel Article like this.  
we can come to Cheapness  
afterwards. This remark will  
also apply to Saws - any one  
of which I shall be glad  
to see.

### Instruments

I was about cabling to you  
to send over 200 immediately,  
but Mr. Suckas advised me  
to wait till he got a manufacturer  
in Paris to produce them.

I am waiting to be satisfied  
that the manufacturer can  
produce the right article when  
I shall immediately order.

Mr. Suckas informs me that  
he shall get a very superior  
article, many parts in the best  
Silver, for  $\frac{1}{2}$  or 2 Dollars  
each more than the  
manufacturer can produce.

several hundreds in 3 weeks  
from date of order. In the  
meantime I have had a  
machine made with Acknax  
which was yesterday exhibited  
at the Crystal Palace & I  
shall exhibit elsewhere. The  
Secturers wherever they show  
the instruments will take  
orders for the remainder ones

If this turns out a  
success I shall be pleased  
to place a portion of the  
results to your credit

If the instruments were sold  
at once at the present  
moment each purchaser  
could adopt this course,  
but would not obtain  
orders. I am afraid

Mr. Suckas is too fierce  
& litigious in his disposition  
for me to work with him  
satisfactorily, & at present  
our relations are direct -



2, BOW CHURCH YARD,  
LONDON, E.C.

- with you & I hope they will  
continue so, if he be constituted  
your representative here.  
If you give up your power  
to him I feel sure things  
will not work harmoniously  
or profitably. I have said  
this, because I think I heard  
something about his asking  
for a "Power of Attorney"  
from you. I must ask you  
to regard this portion of  
my letter as perfectly  
private & confidential

Trusting you will not  
overwork your brain &  
hoping soon to hear from you  
Yours faithfully  
Samuel M. Wilson  
70 Eden Sq. Saml M. Wilson

the  
foreign exchange  
for the bank

Washington April 24th

Thomas A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir!

I regret very  
much not being able to see you  
when in the city, as I am especially  
interested in your phonograph.  
Already to return to Sweden from  
my trip in this country, I deem  
it of such interest that if possible  
I would like to see you and gain  
complete knowledge of it, in order  
to bring it before our scientific  
and literary, interesting and interested  
other learned people.  
Have you any manufactured grt, adv



Should I like to present one to our  
King?

What I do be inconvenient for you  
to see me of Teale Tuesday?  
Please answer by return mail.  
Philadelphia Pa. as I expect  
to sail Wednesday but will stop  
a little some hours on the way  
to New York.

Yours very respectfully  
Kend. E. C. Harbison

P.S.

Fearing that an answer will not  
reach me in time, will you please  
send a card to the Consul  
Mr. Connelley New York  
telling me where I may obtain  
information in New York City.

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A. B. BREWER, Secy.

WILLIAM COTTON, Pres't.

Dated New York May 12<sup>th</sup> 1878

Received at  
St. Louis A. Edison

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Please give us  
 permission to allow a  
 lease of Cuba to exhibit  
 for two months, money  
 in its party responsible,  
 May lose it altogether if  
 not closed, America  
 Churn,

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Breiden, N. S. 1878  
 Dear Sir! This morning I had the great pleasure of receiving the information of the great success of your Phonograph, and indeed I am very surprised of its ability of reproduction of those words and songs, which were uttered into its mouth. I never met it could talk so intelligibly.  
 I beg at this occasion to express to you my best thanks for your great kindness; I mean, I have received all the specimens of newspapers you were kind enough to forward to me, although they took their way over Germany, which, as you will have learned from that little pamphlet I sent you some days before, I left two years ago.  
 After a short time I shall be able to forward to you some little pamphlets too; please accept them freely.  
 Yours most truly,  
 L. J. Little

New York May 10 1878.

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Mr. A. Edison on behalf of himself and  
 Messrs. Probas & Geo. H. Ohio, grants to  
 the Edison Speaking Phonograph Co the right  
 to exhibit the Speaking Phonograph  
 in the West India Islands for a period  
 of three months from date, thirty three per  
 cent of the gross proceeds to be paid the Co. ten percent  
 of the net to be paid Messrs. Probas & Ohio, a further per  
 cent of the balance to be paid Messrs. Probas & Ohio as per the agreement  
 between them.

(May 14, 1878)

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Article of Agreement entered into this 14th day of May 1878, by and between Thomas A. Edison, of Mount East, Middlesex County, New Jersey; Jacob M. Laughlin, of Newark, Essex County, New Jersey; and Charles P. Harris, of the City, County, and State of New York.

Whereas, The said Edison is the inventor of a machine known as the Phonograph, for recording the human voice and other sounds and for reproducing the same, and

Whereas, the said Edison has applied for Patents for said invention in Australasia and is desirous that said invention shall be practically introduced in said Australasia and made profitable to him, and

Whereas, the said M. Laughlin and Harris are desirous of acquiring an interest in said invention and the rights and profits accruing from the same and may patent or patents that are or may be granted therefor in said Australasia, and the said M. Laughlin is willing to devote the necessary time and his services and to proceed to said Australasia and introduce the said invention, carry the same into effect and make it remunerative, and the said Harris is willing to pay the necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by the said M. Laughlin in so doing.

Now Therefore The Parties are Agreed, as follows:-

The said Edison in consideration of two dollars, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and the faithful performance of the covenants herein contained and for other valuable considerations hereinafter mentioned hereby grants unto the said M. Laughlin and Harris the sole and exclusive right to make use and sell the said invention in said Australasia under any patent which is or may be granted therefore to him or his duly authorized agent during invention years from the date hereof. The said M. Laughlin hereby agrees to proceed with all reasonable dispatch to said Australasia and there diligently to give his time and services in rendering said invention profitable, by constructing or having constructed selling or exhibiting machines embodying the invention of the said Edison on Phonography during the continuance of this contract. The said Harris hereby covenants and agrees to furnish the amount of money necessary for the purchase of two Phonographs and such other amount of money as are necessary for the payment of the reasonable expenses incurred by said M.

Laughlin in going to said Australasia and carrying out the terms of this agreement and to furnish all necessary capital to work the invention in said Australasia during the continuance of this contract. It is hereby further covenanted and agreed by the parties hereto that the net profits arising under this agreement shall be paid share and share alike to and unto the said O'Gerson McLaughlin and H. Harris, that is to say 33 1/3 per cent. to the said O'Gerson McLaughlin and 33 1/3 per cent. to the said H. Harris. The said McLaughlin hereby covenants and agrees that he will keep a just, true and accurate account of all of his transactions made in pursuance of this agreement and render unto each the said O'Gerson and H. Harris, at the end of each and every quarter beginning with that ending 31st day of September 1876, a detailed statement which shall truly and faithfully show each and every act by him performed under this agreement and account for all sums of money by him received and disbursed in pursuance thereof and the profits arising thereupon, which said profits shall be transmitted and paid by him as follows, one third thereof to the said O'Gerson and one third thereof to the said H. Harris and one third to himself at the end of every said quarter.

It is further agreed on the part of the said O'Gerson that the said McLaughlin and H. Harris shall have the option to either pay to the said O'Gerson 33 1/3 percent of the profits or a 20 percent royalty on the gross receipts from all sources, but the said McLaughlin and H. Harris agree that under no consideration shall the money paid to the said O'Gerson be less than 20 percent of the gross receipts. It is further agreed that this contract shall not be transferred to any other party without the written consent of the said O'Gerson, and that this contract shall be null and void and all rights thereunder shall revert to the said O'Gerson if the said McLaughlin and H. Harris or either of them shall refuse to perform any of the stipulations herein set forth or grossly neglect to work the patent in such quarters.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have interchangeably set their hands and seals on the day and year first above written.



O NOVO MUNDO.

REVISTA INDUSTRIAL.

J. C. BARNES,  
Editor  
and Publisher.

OFFICE:

No. 21 & 23 N. Y. TIMES BUILDING.

N. Y. Box 2261.

New York, May 20<sup>th</sup> 1878

Prof. T. A. Edison, New York

P.S.

My dear Sir: The next steamer to Brazil will sail on June 6<sup>th</sup> and if you wish to send a photograph to the Emperor it should be here about the 4<sup>th</sup>. I will be glad to meet you either here or at your laboratory if you wish me to note down in Portuguese the instructions for the working of the instrument, as you suggested.

I enclose herewith the proof of an engraving I have ordered after the photograph obtained at Kenty, which I will publish in one of my papers, within two weeks.

Very cordially yours  
J. Rodriguez

P.S.

I have sent a photograph of  
your to the Illustration, of Paris,  
which will undoubtedly publish a  
fine engraving here at.

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A. B. BREWER, Sec'y.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Date Cable May 20 1888

Received at London

By Edison

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

New York City  
forward immediately  
hundred pounds  
for each side

Puskas

11 Paris

in any receipt from exhibiting the  
phonograph - I expressed surprise  
at this, affecting to recall my remark  
about your entire lack of do-

I think you was counting upon  
Mr. Kattag's receiving a good  
right at least - and that you will  
receive some share of the proceeds  
which are calculated to be very  
large - if the exhibition part of the  
thing be infamously with a little less  
fearful out with activity to gain  
in case relation with Kattag of the  
honour with respect to a  
campaign of this sort which  
will at once bring extensive pro-  
advertising to the war for  
over a large number of  
machines - Please send me  
copy of your contract with Pusey  
which you were good enough to  
offer me when in N.Y.  
Also draw your full attention to the  
other matters in the Commission  
concerning my interest in your  
affairs - and which I am satisfied  
for the means of my interest  
I should be glad to see you  
were as good as I was in the  
work of the

1878 Ph. ex.

C. Lombard Street, E.C.

London 28 May 1878

Y. A. Esq.

Dear Sir,

Phonograph.

I have not yet been able to  
see Pusey - he has an interview  
the Thursday with Kattag who  
again volunteered several  
expressions indicating dissatisfaction  
at having to work with Pusey -  
there is something about Pusey's  
manner which irritates  
Mr Kattag and I earnestly  
advise you not giving Mr  
Pusey any further powers than  
I already hold in connection  
with your phonograph matters  
in fact written at least.  
Kattag mentioned incidentally  
that should his contract with you  
you had no right to participate



W. Churchill,

493 Greenwich Street,

New York, June 1<sup>st</sup> 1878

Mr Thomas A. Edison

Sir

I write to ask if  
you will soon be in New York  
I desire to see you in behalf  
of some Gentlemen in Australia  
in regard to introducing your  
Phonograph - I have some copies  
of letters for you but do not  
mail them till I am sure have  
your address correct - I think it  
may be for your interest to see me  
please let me hear early soon

Respectfully Yours

W. Churchill

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Harrisburg June 3/75

Mr Thomas A. Edison

Dear Sir:

About

three weeks ago I wrote you an important letter, and addressed it "Charles P. Edward Tribune Building New York City, Inventor of the Phonograph," and not having received an answer in a reasonable time I came to the conclusion that I had not directed it properly; so I wrote to the New York Sun, and inquired your initials and address, with which information I am now enabled to properly address you.

The letter I addressed to you I say again was an important one from the fact that it bears great

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weight on the introduction of your invention in Europe by my father and our assistance to him, financially. It was in substance as follows: My father, an ex-ambassador to Venice, under President James Buchanan, by a heavy failure in business, was compelled to seek other fields for his recovery and being a thorough German scholar, as well thoroughly conversant with the French, Italian, and English languages, went to Europe a country in which he is very well acquainted, (having paid five or six previous visits) to do so. And it was during his

present stay, that through the  
American journals he became  
acquainted with your photo-  
graph, and so deeply has he  
become interested in it, that  
he has delivered several  
lectures upon it, a comment  
on one of which I have had  
translated from a German  
journal, and it is in con-  
nection with the foregoing  
letter I write you, and which  
no doubt is in the New York P.O.  
at present, and which I hope  
you will obtain. He is very  
anxious to have the honor to  
introduce your photograph in  
that country and, I am safe,  
in saying that my dear Sir,

from the fact only that he is my  
father and that it would be my  
first duty to say so) that your  
interests would be well taken  
care of and furthered.

And since writing you I have  
received another letter from  
him, in which he desires me  
to ask you in what manner  
you dispose of or sell your  
instrument, and also wishes  
me to send him one by the  
next steamer, if possible. I  
hope therefore my dear Sir you  
will pardon my feeling you  
may think forever in my  
communication, as on the  
force of circumstances and  
duty compel me; and I

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also hope you will be kind  
enough to get the foregoing letter  
from the New York P.O.

Anxiously awaiting a reply,  
I remain

Your most obedient

servant  
Chas. D. Sprenger,  
State Printing Office,  
Harrisburg, Pa.

Philadelphia 5<sup>th</sup> June 1876

Wm. Edison

Dear Sir (I must have missed  
the manuscript for Exhibition  
in Brazil or South America)  
I have taken the liberty  
to send it to you  
12nd Street 332 Phila.  
Had

Philadelphia

I enclose a letter to Mr. Edison  
in Philadelphia and enclosing  
your address.

Yours sincerely W. Churchill

Man is already known  
to me. I have never called on him.

W. Churchill,

493 Greenwich Street,

New York, June 6<sup>th</sup> 1876

Wm. S. Edison

Dear Sir

I herewith  
enclose letter & C sent to Mr.  
Mr. Dobbin - I wish you could  
arrange to meet his desires - he  
or they are thorough business  
men & reliable

Truly yours

W Churchill

Please favor me with the  
address of your agent that  
has left for Australia

P. O. Box 5525.

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY.

New York, June 7<sup>th</sup> 1878

Thos<sup>d</sup> A. Edison, Esq.,  
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir,

Herewith please find  
Copy powers of attorney furnished  
Mr. F. W. Jones for use in Empire  
of Brazil & Argentine Republics -  
The Agreement - Mr Jones executed  
We have in our safe subject to  
Your orders

Very Truly Yours

C. A. Chevron  
*[Signature]*

P.S. - Have you rec<sup>d</sup> your 2. Organ Chair and  
the Photographic Machine  
*[Signature]*

New York, June 8<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Prof. Mos. A. Edison  
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir,

I am in this morning's Herald an account of  
your Kty Phonograph. - Being about going to Germany to  
stay, I should like to find something good to take out either  
to manufacture there or to import from here, provided I can  
have the control for the whole or part of Germany. -

Will you be kind enough, to inform me by a  
few words, if you are willing to make an arrangement with  
me, if everything can be made satisfactory. -

By doing so you will greatly oblige

Yours truly  
Julius H. Reichenmann

ans, June 25<sup>th</sup>

Ed. Moser  
101 June 25<sup>th</sup>

(June 10 1878)

Articles of Agreement entered into this 10th day of June 1878, by and between Thomas A. Edison, of Menlo Park, Middlesex County, New Jersey; Frank M. Laughtlin, of Newark, Essex County, New Jersey; and John Hickling of the City of Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York.

Whereas, The said Edison is the inventor of a machine known as the Phonograph, for recording the human voice and other sounds and for reproducing the same, and

Whereas, the said Edison has applied for patents in Australasia for said invention and is desirous that said invention shall be practically introduced in said Australasia and made profitable to him; and

Whereas, the said M. Laughtlin and Hickling are desirous of acquiring an interest in said invention and the rights and profits accruing from the same and any patent or patents that are or may be granted therefore in said Australasia, and the said M. Laughtlin is willing to devote the necessary time and his services and to proceed to said Australasia and introduce the said invention, carry the same into effect and make it remunerative, and the said Hickling is willing to pay the necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by the said M. Laughtlin, in so doing.

Now Therefore the Parties are Agreed, as follows:-

The said Edison in consideration of two dollars, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and the faithful performance of the covenants herein contained and for other valuable considerations hereinafter mentioned hereby grants unto the said M. Laughtlin and Hickling the sole and exclusive right to exhibit, make, use and sell the afore-said invention in said Australasia under any patent which is or may be granted therefore to him or his duly authorized agent during seventeen years from the date hereof. The said M. Laughtlin hereby agrees to proceed with all reasonable dispatch to said Australasia and there diligently to give his time and services in rendering said invention profitable, by constructing or having constructed selling or exhibiting machines embodying the invention of the said Edison on Phonographs during the continuance of this Contract. The said Hickling hereby covenants and agrees to furnish the amount of money necessary for the purchase of two Phonographs and such other amounts of money as are necessary for the payment of the reasonable expenses incurred by said M. Laughtlin

in going to said Australasia and carrying out the terms of this agreement and to furnish all necessary capital to work the invention in said Australasia during the continuation of this contract. It is hereby further covenanted and agreed by the parties hereto that the net profits arising under this agreement shall be paid share and share alike to and unto the said Edison, McLaughlin and Hickling, that is to say 33 1/3 per cent to the said Edison 33 1/3 per cent to the said McLaughlin and 33 1/3 per cent to the said Hickling. The said McLaughlin hereby covenants and agrees that he will keep a just, true and accurate account of all of his transactions made in pursuance of this agreement and render unto each of the said Edison and Hickling, at the end of each and every quarter beginning with that ending 31<sup>st</sup> day of September 1878, a detailed statement which shall truly and faithfully show each and every act by him performed under this agreement and account for all sums of money by him received and disbursed in pursuance thereof and the profits arising thereupon, which said profits shall be transmitted and paid by him as follows, one third thereof to the said Edison and one third thereof to the said Hickling and one third thereof to himself at the end of every said quarter.

It is further agreed on the part of the said Edison that the said McLaughlin and Hickling shall have the option to either pay to the said Edison 33 1/3 per cent of the profits on a 20 per cent royalty on the gross receipts from all sources, but the said McLaughlin and Hickling agree that under no consideration shall the money paid to the said Edison be less than 20 per cent of the gross receipts. It is further agreed that this Contract shall not be transferred to any other party without the written consent of the said Edison, and that this contract shall be null and void and all rights thereunder shall revert to the said Edison if the said McLaughlin and Hickling or either of them shall refuse to perform any of the stipulations herein set forth or grossly neglect to work the aforesaid invention in such Countries.

In Witness whereof the parties hereto have interchangeably set their hands and seals on the day and year first above written.

Witness



This Supplemental Agreement entered into this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1878. by and between Thomas A Edison, of Menlo Park, Middlesex County, New Jersey, Frank M. Laugblin, of Newark, Essex County, New Jersey, and John Hickling of the City of Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.

Witnesseth

Whereas the said McLaughlin & Hickling believe that they can sell the Contract, rights under it, and the Patents for Phonographs in the Australasian Countries by going to England, and

Whereas The said Edison is willing to dispose of all his rights and patents in such countries for a lump sum, therefore be it agreed that the said Edison will sell his rights and patents in such Australasian Countries upon the payment to him of the sum of Seventeen thousand five hundred dollars in cash, if the same is paid on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1878. but not thereafter, and

Whereas it is expressly agreed on the part of the said McLaughlin and Hickling that if they do not succeed in selling such rights and patents for a lump sum within the time named then the said McLaughlin shall proceed via Southampton to Australia and there carry out the provisions of the Contract dated 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1878.

In Witness whereof the parties hereto have interchangeably set their hands and seals on the day and year first above written

Witness

Dear Sir, \* \* \* [June 11, 1878]  
 Your postcard, recd. - As  
 I shall probably not leave for  
 Germany before July 20th, I should  
 feel obliged to you, if you would in-  
 form me as soon as you can make  
 arrangements for the Trip. Photographs  
 and expenses.  
 Very truly,  
 J. H. Schuchman  
 Paris, etc. New York

New York, June 11  
 Thos. A. Edison,

(No. 1111) Dear Sir,  
 Truly, I feel like clown  
 to be expected to  
 little reply, quick,

McLaughlin,

G.B.

McLaughlin.

New York

Yes.

Edison  
 W.C.

Laboratory of  
Thomas A. Edison  
Menlo Park, N.J.

June 11

1878

The two Phonographs furnished this day  
to me the said Nickling are to be  
sent to the Australian. Countries  
are to be exhibited in  
and ~~to~~ no other Country.

John Nickling  
Frank McLaughlin

Made last June 11<sup>th</sup> 77

Article of agreement between  
J. A. Edison & John Hickling Esq  
Frank H. C. Baylin -

3  
Lanarkshire, June 1278.

Mr T. A. Edison,

My Dear Sir

Inferred from the  
exhibitions of the Phonograph  
held in various cities that  
it is your purpose to circulate  
as wide an introduction as  
possible for the marvel, I  
write to ask if you have  
made any arrangement  
for Bombay, India, and  
the neighboring parts?

If not, and you think favor-  
ably of the experiment, I  
should be pleased to give you  
the address of a young man  
who has been residing there  
now for six years since re-  
ceiving a liberal education  
in the U.S.

He is the son of a museum-

(of the A.B.C. 2 m)  
any to India and from a  
boy has been acquainted  
with the people and various  
dialects of that land.

He can furnish the list  
of references both from  
gentlemen in mercantile  
and literary circles.

Should you care to make  
any movement in this  
direction, I should be  
pleased to Kuon-gan wishes.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Wm. Greenwood.

P.O. Box 8.

Wm. Greenwood  
21 W. 11th St.  
New York

HENRY PALMER.

Office of  
The Patent Sun Shade Company,  
No. 239 Broadway,

Room 22.

RONALD THOMAS.

Elevator No. 1 Park Place.

New York, June 12<sup>th</sup> 1878

Mr Edison

My dear Sir I take the liberty  
of addressing you, as a brother inventor  
one by no means as prominent and useful  
as you but one who has done some serious  
and who is being swindled like all  
those who belong to the profession. To  
be brief I would ask you whether  
you can give me certain territory  
for a time for introducing your  
phonograph or other invention I  
to pay you a royalty on my business  
I am active and well qualified to  
manage such an enterprise. The enclosed  
circULAR will show you what I have  
done already. Write your most convenient  
reply. Remain Respectfully, Yrs. H. Palmer.

P. D. I am familiar with the French  
language having lived in Paris  
some time I would be pleased  
to represent you in certain  
parts of Europe St Petersburg  
for instance.

my family  
H. Palmer

Revised June 13 '76



HENRY PALMIERI

RONALD THOMAS

Office of  
The Palmo Sun Shade Company,  
No. 239 Broadway,

Room 22.

Elevator No. 1 Park Place.

New York,

June 14<sup>th</sup> 1879

Thomas A. Edison Esqr.

Manhasset Neck.  
N.Y.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt  
of your favor of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. Have  
been Mr. Reedpath's own manager. He  
informs me that the West Indies are  
alone to dispose of. I should like to  
obtain the exclusive right to exhibit  
the phonograph and telephone in the  
West Indies and start the 1<sup>st</sup> of October  
or Sept. If you will obtain that  
right for me for one year I think  
I can pay you a handsome royalty

Yours truly  
H. Palmieri.

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

New York, Immer 189.

T. A. Edison Esq. Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir,

I made an arrangement last week by which, if I could shake off some parties to whom we had made half promises, I could give the entire West Indies, including if possible Brit. Guiana, to Mr. Palmieri. I promised to give him an answer on Saturday morning; but as I was absent in Washington, I postponed it till this morning, when I closed with him before your note arrived, for \$1000. royalty. He wants to unite the Musical Telephone with his exhibitions, and is extremely anxious to have a Telephone agency. Now, I understand that the Bell Telephone has been introduced in Cuba. That

shall I tell him about yours?

Note about Mr. Kenzie also  
received. I will see Mr. Mc Kenzie & tell  
him about it.

Yours truly

James R. Path-

Gen. Manager.

R. H. Smith

Nov 2 June 1878

Per letter from

Wm. A. Smith

Ans<sup>d</sup> June 20<sup>th</sup> 78  
see letter book

Marshall Hallaz, Jun 18<sup>th</sup> 1878.  
T. A. Edison, Esq.

My dear Sir,

Yours of 17<sup>th</sup> inst having  
come to hand, I at once forward  
the address of the party referred to  
in my former communication, as  
well as the subjoined reference.

The address of my brother-in-law  
Henry Ballantine, Esq.,  
Byculla, Bombay, India.

For some years past he has been  
engaged in introducing various  
goods for Cassman & Kemp of  
N. Y. City, Wholesale Druggists.

By application of them, you could  
doubtless ascertain all that might  
be desired of Mr B's business ca-  
pacity and integrity. Furthermore,

at your convenience, when  
it may be.

I remain

Yours sincerely

Wm Greenwood.

Hon. L. S. Ely, 26 N. 26th St.,  
N. Y., has long known the entire  
family. I add, as the name  
of a third gentleman is a  
different sphere, that of  
Mrs. J. H. Seelye, Amherst, Mass.,  
who has sustained literary and  
business relations with our  
friend in both this country, and  
India when upon a visit there.

And I now feel assured that  
Mr Ballantine would prove a  
peculiarly valuable acquisition  
to the circle of those engaged in  
introducing one or more of your  
inventions, and should not have  
hesitated at such pains to lay the  
entire matter before you.

It would give me pleasure  
to answer any other inquiries  
that may arise. I should be  
happy, at least, to learn your

Managers,  
HILGREN L. BOWLEY,  
CHARLES J. CHERRY,  
P. O. Box 951

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NEW YORK,  
32 TRIBUNE BUILDING,

New York, June 20th 1898

T. A. Edison, Esq.

Mundo Park N. J.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Francis Selfers, to whom you refer in your letter of June 19<sup>th</sup>, has already called on us in regard to the agency for the Photograph in Mexico, but for the present nothing can be done with him as a proposition has been made to Mr. C. Leiter of Mexico through the house of Messrs. Frederick. Probst & Co. 61 Broad St and it will be at least 10 days before we can hear from him. The respectability and responsibility of Probst & Co is beyond question and should our proposition

be accepted we think it would be  
in every way satisfactory to you  
and mutually advantageous.

We will keep you posted  
in this matter as well as any other  
foreign business transaction.

Very truly yours  
Jm Porter &  
for the Company

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY.

New York, June 20<sup>th</sup> 1878

D. A. Edison, Esq.

Muldo Park N. I.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this morning I have been called upon by N. L. Karso of No. 7 Borrony N.Y. who desires to purchase a Phonograph to send to Turkey.

Please advise us how to act in this matter. We do not think the Patent Laws of Turkey are such as to make it advisable to grant any license in that direction.

Very truly Yours  
The E. I. & Co.  
per H. H.

Received by E. I. & Co. June 20<sup>th</sup> 1878  
per H. H.



The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY,

New York, June 22 1878

Mr Palmieri, Sir

Dear Sir —

In accordance with your request I herewith state the terms on which I am authorized to lease you the sole rights of exhibiting the Phonograph in the West India Islands, (including <sup>the</sup> Bahamas) and possibly British Guiana.

We will grant you a lease giving you said right from this date up to the 31st of March, 1879, for one thousand dollars — five hundred dollars to be paid before the close of this month and five hundred dollars when the machine ~~are~~ or machines are

delivered to you for shipment. The machine or machines will be sent to you at the

lowest market price. Mr Edison will  
tell you what that is.

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"Possibly British Guiana" means that  
the right of exhibition in that  
that country is to be confirmed by Mr  
Edison - which I presume he will do.

Your right of exhibiting will  
be protected during the continuance of  
your lease.

James Redpath  
General Manager

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Edison - Melno park New Jersey.

Letter June 9 received - Exposite  
 documents - Cable authority to take  
 action - On with Counsel's opinion -  
 this only and this certainly can  
 enable getting public right and  
 collecting patents - Forming International  
 company desirable including Continental  
 patents - Can make strong Board this  
 basis - Cable Puskas to confer  
 with me immediately -

24 June 78.

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY.

New York, June 25 1878  
Thomas A Edison, Esq,  
Meadow Park. N.Y.

Dear Mr Edison:

I think I had better refer Mr Palmer  
to you direct. You can get 25 per cent from  
him. But he is an interrogative point  
in beaches & I can't answer all his questions.  
— about protection, patents & the like

I am in negotiation with a man  
who wants to buy phonographs for Turkey.  
If he comes to town, shall I refer  
him to you or shall I close sales  
on behalf of the Edison Sp. Phon. Co?  
As it is outside of my beneficent-pure  
patron's own outside of Christian  
influences, I think that you had  
better handle the Turk yourself. Nothing  
like science to deal with Superstition  
Hence, yours  
J. P. R.

P.S. Enclosed Remittance from your contact  
for the Works in Spain. I have sent West  
on 257 accordingly.

Professor Edison  
Menlo Park

New Jersey U. S. America

Gardens Place,  
Adelaide,

South Australia, June 29. 1878

Dear Sir

Since writing to you about two months ago we have completed arrangements with Professor Bell, & you will see by the enclosed clipping from a newspaper that we are now agents for that gentleman. Very likely, by the same mail as letter we shall send you a paper or papers containing notices of a phonograph made by myself, I have had some rare fun with it this evening with a few friends. I have succeeded in making it speak a little, & make a few peculiar kinds of calls & noises, but <sup>not</sup> distinct enough to please me, I find it very awkward having very little information to go upon, however, I am very pleased that I have the honour of being the first to make the phonograph speak on this side of the globe, as I was with the telephone. In the Philadelphia Record of March 15 we notice a long paragraph in regard to yourself & improvements on the telephone & also an instrument called the "aerophone" now if and in the case, will you kindly (for your own sake & ours too) send authority to patent the improvements in South Australia per return post, we hope you have already done so in regard to the phonograph. If you do please at the same time state (on a separate paper) the amount of Royalty you require also send full information as to operation, manufacture &c. as we are afraid that it will be to the interest of all parties concerned, to have

them manufactured in the Colony; at any rate it proves to be so in regard to Bell's telephone. Please don't forget to send us what printed matter you can on the various instrument. Mr W. Churchill of 493 Greenwich at New York is our American agent; his private residence is in Newark N.J. Please don't think Australia beneath your notice in regard to your instruments &c for we are a pushing & growing nation. Another thing — If you decide to transfer your patents to us kindly try & make yourself believe that you have honest men to deal with, for after all, no matter what agreements we make together you will be to a great extent at our mercy, but you find ultimately that any confidence you may have had in us will not have been misplaced.

Yours faithfully  
W. P. Doblie

Saturday the July 6/93 As I expected I am now able to enclose you alphas containing accounts of my phonographic experiments also newspapers with ditto per same post.

Please don't fail to send us full particulars as to how to construct your improved telephone &c in fact you might also send us a telephone per post direct or through Mr Churchill of 493 Greenwich at New York. Yours faithfully W. P. Doblie

P. S. If you are quite satisfied that we are honest & capable possibly it might perhaps suit you to send us a "power of attorney" so that whatever might crop up we would be in a position to protect your interests, we simply mention it but we don't by any means press but we hope for the sake of yourself & us you will do something at once. Our full names are  
Alexander Williamson Doblie  
James Williamson Doblie

W. P. D.



## PUBLIC NOTICE.

### PROFESSOR GRAHAM BELL,

THE INVENTOR OF THE TELEPHONE,  
having ASSIGNED TO PATENT RIGHTS for  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA to Messrs. A. & J. DOBBIE,  
of Adelaide, all PERSONS in that Colony having  
telephones in their POSSESSION (whether made by themselves or otherwise) are  
respectfully requested to FORWARD THEM to the Underigned for the purpose of REGIS-  
TRATION and MARKING before July 25, 1898.

### A. & J. DOBBIE, Gawler-place, Adelaide.

In connection with the above, we beg to call the attention of the Public to Section 22 of  
"The Patent Act, 1877" which gives as the "SOLE RIGHT OF MAKING, USING, EXCH-  
ANGING, and VENDING TELEPHONES" in that province using Telephones and having been  
previously stamped and authorized by or under Government liable to Prosecution for damage.  
TELEPHONES and CONNECTING WIRES NOW ON SALE.

Persons wishing to have their HOMES, WORKSHOPS, or OFFICES FITTED UP WITH  
TELEPHONES will kindly communicate with

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A. & J. DOBBIE,  
ADELAIDE  
SEWING MACHINE  
AND  
American Tools Depot,  
GAWLER PLACE,  
ADELAIDE.

MEMORANDUM.

To

(*Jan 29*) 1878

Mr Edison

Dear Sir We herewith send you press copy  
of our letter to Mr W Churchhill 493 Greenwich  
St ~~New York~~ New York so as to make sure  
of either the original or the copy reaching you safely  
& quickly  
Yours in haste  
A. W. D.

Please send reply to me at 493 Greenwich St  
unless you have the original & have sent reply  
Truly yours W Churchhill



Express Note 1878 Phoe.  
 To L.R. Collins Esq.  
 New York - New Jersey  
 From Geo. E. Lorrain  
 6 Lombard St. London E.C.

Re: I have just rec'd from J.G. [unclear]  
 him to say OK. & add that  
 got well acquainted with Puck  
 who wants me to act for him in  
 Phonograph in England and has  
 made an agreement to give  
 me 1/4 of his share of profits from Exhibition  
 of Phon. if I will consent to  
 making nothing else. I must  
 have also power from you before  
 I can act with proper discretion

Express Note 2  
 To L.R. Collins Esq.  
 New York - New Jersey  
 From Geo. E. Lorrain  
 6 Lombard St. London E.C.  
 & effort to plan for it myself  
 also say if you will also give  
 me same share of your profits  
 if I do it. That fair as you  
 may get nothing but I think  
 I can manage him.  
 That is if Exhibition nets  
 only - Don't lose any time.  
 GEL

F 105-pacis

New Cy. Lumber  
Can. furnish for  
this store &  
initial - 1177  
C.V. 12-11

Professor T. A. Edison

Respected Sir:

Will you be kind enough, to send at once  
to our address: one "Phonograph" of your  
invention.

This instrument is destined, to go to Japan,  
and has to be shipped next Saturday.

We are since years with prominent Institutions  
of Japan in very intimate business relations,  
and hope that your instrument will induce  
the people there, to send in orders to you.

Hoping that you will allow us your best  
discount, we remain

very respectfully yours,  
New York July 10<sup>th</sup> 78. W. H. C. Scherer, General  
17 Bond. N.Y.C.

He called  
at 7:15 PM

Manfred N. S. July 13<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Professor Edison

My dear Sir

Pardon the liberty I take in addressing you by letter, but my apology must be, that I feel that I am already somewhat acquainted with you having heard my brother F. W. Jones speak so often about you prior to his departure to Rio de Janeiro - he was very anxious that I should accompany him, and aid him in the matter of putting before the "Hofschiller's" Phonographs, it was impossible at that time for me to leave my family and certain business that I had to attend to here, but having now completed all my engagements here, "I intend leaving by the Steamer City of Para" and will meet my brother Fred in Rio de Janeiro. D<sup>o</sup>o. Volante

I wish to ask a favor of you  
Can I be of any services to you  
or to Federico as well, by  
taking out with me anything  
New you may <sup>have</sup> ~~have~~ <sup>invented</sup> ~~invented~~  
that will be of interest to the  
Pragellians, Red informed me  
that you intended making  
some improvements on the Photo-  
graph, and that it would soon  
be perfected. My idea in going  
to Rio is to try to obtain  
some employment and to try  
and obtain in a measure some  
money, for I have been very  
unfortunate in my Real Estate  
speculations, so that it has well  
nigh degraded me, but still  
I have courage and although  
it will be a severe trial for  
me to leave my wife & children  
I must shoulder the cross, and  
trust in the power of all good  
for his guidance under my  
misfortune. I did not wish to  
trespass on your valuable

tion's until I had written you  
so on. Can you would like to  
see me. I can only say that I  
would be most happy to meet  
you and perhaps you can  
suggest something that may  
be advantageous to both yourself  
& Fred and will be of advantage  
to myself. Can I see phases of  
your any machine that you  
may consider will be of interest  
to the people in Rio. <sup>or perhaps</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>the</sup>  
anything in my way by which  
I can make some money or  
that I can work for the mutual  
interest of myself. Fred & myself.  
You will find that I will  
do everything in my power &  
will be a laborer for you  
if it will be convenient & you  
would like to see me please  
drop me a line, when I can  
have an interview with you  
? Please notify me. <sup>Alm. in</sup>  
as soon as possible. } Mr. Washburn's  
John W. Jones

London July 15<sup>th</sup> 1878.

My Dear Mr Edison:

After ventilating the prospects of making our trip successful I have come to the conclusion that further expense would avail nothing at the present time in bringing the enterprise to a profitable issue. The instruments used by the H. Microscopic Association are considered here as more complete than those we brought over and no encouragement has been given leading rather to the hope of disposing of the rights for Australasia.

I therefore resolved itself into whether the exhibition of the Phon in Australia would of itself be sufficiently tempting for Mr Dr Laughlin to travel to the other side of the world. He thinks not, so do I. Mr Roberts

offer no encouragement, either in the way of buying, or of other Mr Laughlin being able to make sufficient to divide amongst three persons. We have had no advice from you, nor any assignments from Mr Serrell. The patents were only just forwarded from London two weeks before our arrival, so that in any event the prime object of our journey here could not be carried out - even supposing a negotiation could be effected. I am perfectly willing to put the necessary money in; but I apprehend you would not recommend a further outlay unless there were reasonable grounds of success. We have therefore, after fully considering the

matter in all its bearings, ~~have~~ mutually determined to return to New York where Mr McLaughlin can at least have the prospect of making a living and if this still failed desirable he can proceed to Australia by San Francisco. When you have the further details explained to you I have no doubt you will fully coincide with our views, altho it has been a great disappointment to both of us. We have evidently labored under a misapprehension, for there is very little interest exhibited here towards the Phone in comparison to other things; the exhibition at the Crystal Palace being very sparsely attended. My relations with Mr L

have been such as to foster a  
very friendly feeling between  
us and which I have no  
doubt will be renewed on our  
return to New York. I will call  
upon you when I get back &  
trust we shall do better next  
time. With a view of adhering  
strictly to the agreement between  
you and ourselves we have not  
attempted to give any agencies  
for Australia, as that course  
might not meet your approval  
With kind regards

I am Yours

Very Sincerely

John Keeling

John Keeling  
London July 1904

Copy sent  
J. H. E.  
Aug 20/04

W. de Cuccia

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1978

Thos. A. Edison Esq.

Windsor Park

West Sussex

My dear Sir,

I am sorry that I shall not  
be arriving here until a  
few days later. I have stated  
that I had filed your application  
for the privilege of recording,  
rehearsing, and reading in the  
British Library the  
relevant documents were duly  
prepared, translated and are  
now in their correct places  
in the various departments of  
the Govt. and in the institutions.



be finally aimed to the  
just when I cannot now  
say as everything moves  
very slowly here.

I expect to have to report  
that your efforts to Davis  
do not include the passing  
of the Phinograph and that  
to be reported for the sum of  
200 francs each.

Some five or six have been  
received in the city and  
the parties importing them  
have given the great magazine  
in the "Sovereign" to their  
effort to defeat my application  
the other parties by the  
name of J. Rodde Spring.

a hat on me is exhibiting his  
at the Public School -  
the Professor attending the Conference  
= Lucia. The Phinograph is his  
also the next thing - is a model  
of your first model on and  
Frank, formerly thought decidedly  
better than either of them. I  
simply told me. I had had  
a partial understanding with  
Mr. Rodde that the Phinograph  
should not be exhibited that he  
would not wait the arrival of  
the City of New York and  
the app. that your improved  
Phinograph was to be made & that  
you should come to some  
definite understanding as to  
the future, but he went back  
on me and brought his own

as above stated. The first notice I had being the announcement in the Journals. I took advice and found I could not interfere till my papers were issued. I deeply regret this as it takes the freshness off the thing so far as I am concerned. The exhibition was free and was well attended the papers speaking favorably, he at the same time exhibited the telephone and Microphone. What he proposes doing hereafter or the others who have machines I cannot say, but am on the qui-viv and will go for them as soon as I am in a position to do so lawfully my presence here being necessary I have appointed Jaime C. B. & F. of Buenos Ayres attorneys to get the patents there. You will learn that they are perhaps the leading house there and will act intelligently in the premises. If I had good machines money could be made from exhibition and no doubt sales hereafter. This also applies to your Telephone. There is a first rate man here, <sup>(from Argentina)</sup> who understands all about them. He has set them up in the States and is now employed here. I shall secure him. With regards to Mr. Chivers and hoping to write more encouragingly next time

Yours Truly  
Fred W. Jones

Prof. T. A. Edison :  
Menlo Park,  
N.J.

~~Respected~~ Sir:

Please send at once the Phonograph,  
which you promised to have ready for  
last Saturday. -

This Phonograph is intended to go to Japan  
and has to be shipped together with  
other instruments next Monday. -

We hope, that you will allow us a  
good discount because we cannot  
assess the price, which you state  
to the public.

I am, dear Sir,

very respectfully,  
W. J. Roberts

14 Bond St  
N.Y.

Ans & Guly 22/78

Boston 1. 30. 18.

My Sir!

Whether it may be a greater glory for you, when  
the great of earth and the most esteemed among  
learned bring you their homage, it ought to  
make a pleasant impression on your heart when  
also the youth is filled with the greatest respect  
and enthusiasm for you. Therefore we - four  
hundred scholars of a college - permit us to  
congratulate you on your new invention.  
At the same time we take the liberty to re-  
quest you with the request, to communicate us  
if you would be disposed to send us a De-  
scription and what would be the price of it?  
We have, without the knowledge of our Father,  
determined, to increase the reputation and  
the renown of our college, in giving it your fa-  
mous invention.

Confiding in your goodness, we hope not to  
have labored in vain and expect in the mor-

test time, if you please a satisfying answer.  
You stopping still the annunciation of the great  
test respect of

The four hundred scholars of the college at  
Breuthen in High-Silesia

Please to direct the answer to:

Gustav Tott  
p. adr. Mrs. Schandelykyl

Breuthen, High-Silesia  
near Berlin, Prussia.

of Lehigh Univ

5 Place de la Sorbonne  
Paris 5. August 1878.

Sir,

would gladly do it but  
cannot as I have contracted with others  
and have entered it only on paper

As Professor of  
Physics to the University  
of Athens, I take the  
liberty of begging you  
to kindly give your  
favorable consideration  
to the following demand  
which has for its object  
to procure a great benefit  
for the University of Athens,  
and at the same time,  
for the Greek nation.

The funds of  
which the Greek University  
founded some ten years  
ago, and disposed, are  
too limited to enable it to  
spend a large sum of  
money in order to procure

your universally known  
Phonographs.

Having heard at the  
time of the Greek Revolution  
of the great help the American  
Nation afforded to Greece.  
I am thus inclined to  
believe that it would prove  
an incalculable benefit,  
if you would decide to  
endow the Greek University  
with a Phonograph of  
large dimensions and producing  
a) sensible acoustic effect  
at a considerable distance.

I can offer you no  
other advantage from your  
act of generosity than the  
feeling of knowing that  
you would do me a good  
action to a feeble nation  
who would fully appreciate  
your kind act.

In the event of

your acceding to my  
request I would experience  
in the Greek language  
with your Phonographs  
before the Royal Family,  
the Ministers of the Government,  
the Deputies, and  
and before the Public, and  
make known by the news-  
papers and every other  
source of intercourse the  
precious gift that you  
had kindly made to the  
Athens University, who  
would inscribe your name  
in Greek on the monuments  
so that the future name  
generations might bear  
of your generosity.

Trusting that you  
will deem fit to accord me  
this favour I have the honour  
to subscribe myself

Sirs,  
Your obedient and  
humble servant

J. S. Stroumbo.



A. LAGRANGE & M<sup>OS</sup>.  
MONTEREY.

Monterey (New York) August 6<sup>th</sup> /98

Mr. Thomas A. Edison

Sir,

Your advertisement concerning the Phonograph and the Telephone, is highly prized by the whole monied and news papers, are only giving you the very incomplete description given of these two apparatus in said publications.

Every body who has heard of them is anxious to be present at their superior performance and it is very probable that any intelligent man who should visit this exhibition in all the principal towns of this country would make some money.

This enterprise could be still more profitable to him if he was appointed your agent for the Monterey Exposition, an exhibition being the best way of advertising these instruments. We believe that a great many telephones can be sold in this country where the telephone lines are few and where the men able to take charge of a telephone office.

These considerations suggest the idea of procuring from you a good phonograph with all the latest improvements and with a large supply of phonograph plates, one pair of telephones for short distance and another

for long time; to select from your the printing  
of an album in Mexico, giving to your good  
reference, and, if such sufficient, sending south  
and order his arrangement, to ask you all the need  
and subscription. I for to good arrangement  
of such apparatus, of you is not considered diff-  
erent these publications Scientific Association  
Supplement No 120 & 125.

Please let me know if you agree to our  
selection of being your agents in Mexico  
for the sale of photographs and telephones  
and the price of these and accessories.  
Here, Mr. Cameron & Co. have their  
work done and you is particularly interest  
our character and value to it.  
In hope of an answer, and that you  
will be disappointed for the improper results  
of foreigners, we are respectfully, yours  
J. Lagrange & Brothers

Please direct your letter to  
Mr. Dr. José San Ramon  
Brownsville

(Texas)  
to be sent to J. Lagrange & Co.  
"Montreal"

Ans Sept 27-78

The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,  
203 BROADWAY.

New York, Aug 24 1888.  
J. R. Griffin Esq.  
Mead Park N.Y.

Dear Mr Griffin,

Do you, or does Mr Edison,  
know that we have sold a 'Phonog'  
for Constantinople?

It goes to the Roberts (American)  
College.

Now, if this young man  
of whom you write is going  
there, it will put Mr. Edison in  
rather a bad light to give him  
a Phonograph, and compel the  
College to pay for one.

I don't think, therefore,  
that I will give that young  
man, who has "an imperfect  
knowledge of the English  
language," any encouragement

to give exhibitions among the Yankees.

Yours truly

Jas Reddick

Gen Manager.

P.S. Have seen the  
Cass. Isnt he a Christian?  
Isnt he a Mephisto? Or  
so, <sup>do</sup> you not blush in consenting  
to degrade the Photograph  
to the rank - the low  
rank - of a Mephisto  
Illustration? I must  
send out more of my good  
pamphlets to you folks.

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug. 14, 1878

James Redpath Esq  
NY  
Dear Sir -

Young of the 12th was  
duly read I don't think Mr  
Edison or anyone here knew the  
phons Co had sold an inst to go  
to Constantinople. My impression is  
that Mr Ex phons rights in foreign  
Cos are valueless if the phons Co are  
going to pend insts wherever they  
choose and I think he will take  
this view of it

SLY

P. O. Box 5929.

## The Edison Speaking Phonograph Company,

203 BROADWAY.

New York, Aug 15 1878

Dear Mr. Griffin:-

Got a good thing on you, you blame  
 Phonograph Co. for selling a machine to go  
 to Constantinople - you confess you sold a  
 machine here. How easy!

I fear that Christian youth some  
 times. But it does give the  
 to the consent to have the Virgin  
 thus prohibited to the uses of Christ.  
 surely - form a most a scene to  
 become a scavenger of Jesus. Let  
 us hope that the Turks will capture  
 the machines & that they will be  
 taught to shut - There is no god  
 - no god & Mahomet we scoff at!  
 would that effect!  
 Yours truly

H.R.

W. Churchill,

493 Greenwich Street,

New York, August 22<sup>d</sup> 1874

Mr Professor Edison

Sir

I have a copy  
of letter from My Friends in Aus-  
tralia which I inclose to you -  
Will you please let me have an  
answer as to what you will do  
in the matter -

I think the Major Dobbies  
are reliable & Honest Men & will  
act for you as well as their own  
interest -

Respectfully Yours

Willis Churchill

I would then speak of your sending  
a Schaff Phonograph to them if you  
do that it must come to me & I  
should pay for it

W.C.

Silvercragg, New Zealand  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1878

~~Dear Sir~~

Meals Park N.Z.

In answer to yours  
of June 30<sup>th</sup> 1878. I herewith  
enclose you a draft for £25 which  
will make about 110 dollars ~~less~~  
less about 2 dollars probably for  
discount. Any New York banking  
house will cash change. You must  
use that pair of phonograph (Cylinder  
machine) with 73 lbs. ten feet, would  
be 110 dollars; you can make up to  
the amount with some extra feet  
or some things, but would like to  
have a few "mimicries" of Mrs. Lincoln  
and voice, also of some music, singing  
or of something ludicrous or laughable  
for variety sake. Best sincerely  
and address legibly, and kept dry



You will please to find out  
and sent the package by any  
vessel bound for Port ~~Chalmers~~  
Chalmers from New York. Vessels  
also come from Boston for same place.  
I have been doing some business  
with the Abendroth and Root  
Manufacturing Co. Greenpoint  
~~Brooklyn~~ Brooklyn. For New York City  
— you may make enquiries from  
them if necessary, and they no  
doubt would give you information.  
If there is no vessel on the berth for  
Port Chalmers (120 miles from the  
place) then it may be shipped by  
any vessel bound for Melbourne  
from whence it may be transhipped  
to Bluff. Invercargill by  
the intercolonial steamer, freight  
payable at destination.  
A. T. Sides. Boston are representative

of the firm of Bates Sides & Co.  
Dunstable (Port Chalmers)  
There is also a firm at New York  
with the name of Sey Sides in it  
which you may find out perhaps  
from a directory. You will therefore  
find out from three quarters as to  
the earliest vessel or berth. Send  
instructions how to use machine.  
Also circulars of anything in the  
photography or telephonic line

Mr. Par. Edison ever given his  
attention to the falling of trees and  
prescutting of logs. By means of  
a wire (platinum probably is best)  
made incandescent by means of a  
Calland machine. For other means  
a machine of this kind is much wanted.  
The machine would require to be so  
made as to draw the wire, after it  
has been placed around the tree or log,

into it in the same manner  
as what a person cuts a bar-glass <sup>rod</sup>  
with a string - the current of  
electricity passing around the wire  
and making it incandescent the  
wire while so it practicable.

The incandescent wire to cut through  
the wood by burning. Could you  
be kind enough to confer with me on  
the subject by letter or mature.

There is money in such an invention  
if it is practicable.

Yours truly  
J. E. Richter



George H. Dunedin.  
New Zealand.  
September 10. 1878.

My Dear Sir,  
Gentlemen.



I am desirous of purchasing a Phonograph - of latest improved make - and cannot get such a thing in this part of the world - I notice them advertised in the "Scientific American" - as purchasable in New York - but no maker's name is mentioned as being ready to supply them -

I presume that you know some manufacturer who has them in stock - and I shall be much obliged if you will be good enough to order one for me - it can be easily forwarded via "California" in the S.F. that brings the mail - packed

of course carefully, —

As to payment. I will send  
a Bank Draft soon as I get the acct.  
indeed I would have enclosed one herein  
but have no idea of its probable cost.  
if the maker is in any doubt as to the safety  
of his money — he can send me the invoice  
first, and I will then remit. but as I  
should like the instrument soon as possible  
I should prefer that he sent it at once

Yours At. Servt  
Abraham Solomon.

# 336, W. 19<sup>th</sup> St.,  
New York Sept. 10-78  
Mr. Edison  
Munroe Park  
N. Y.

Sir  
Your Telephones are  
already in use in the  
Bahamas

I have been requested  
by parties there to obtain the  
price of your Photograph

Your prompt reply  
Will much oblige  
Yours

Wm. J. Howell

P.S. The Monthly Steamer Sails from  
here Saturday for Nassau

My exp. 10.75  
Alex J. Howell  
336 West 19th St.  
NY

Suppose  
Rogers that would kill  
phone for Bahamas for  
\$110. includes the toll  
charging me

Address No 10 Hauptstrasse Ludwigshafen Basin

I Oct. 14 1885 Germany

Prof. T. A. Edison

My dear Sir,

I must confess that it is not without some misgiving as to the timeliness or acceptability of the step, that I have concluded to approach you in writing. With the nature of the case upon which I am about to address you is of such a pressing kind, that it could not well be presented through any other medium, and this then is the only apology for intruding upon you.

I have been in Germany since Nov. 1876 trying to establish myself and make my living as a teacher of English pronunciation. The effort proved a fearfully hard one and I had plenty of leisure time to cogitate upon the modes of carrying my load and supporting my family. When I first read of your wonderful Phonograph I at once formed I said in that

attending insertion a pure realization  
of all my most ardent hopes. I gathered  
all the data obtainable from my  
American papers and on February  
last held the first "reading" before  
a select audience of intelligent gen-  
tlemen in Edmon and ~~the~~ Phenograph  
Hall, was ever held in the German  
language. This reading was twice  
repeated before larger audiences in  
March and April. From the time  
that I conceived the idea of lecturing  
on your inventions, I also bestowed  
myself to secure if possible an agency  
for their sale in this country and to  
that end, wrote to you on March 2,  
through my son, at Harrisburg, Pa.  
asking for such agency, or for an  
apparatus, if an agency could not be  
secured. I have since regretted that  
I did not address you directly for I feel  
sure now, that you, had you known  
my situation, and my adaptability,  
would have entertained a proposition

from which great mutual advantage must  
have sprung. While awaiting reply from  
you through my son, I had made enquiry  
through a cousin at Paris and learned  
from him that you had an agent for  
Europe named Puchet. To this gentle-  
man I at once applied by letter. He  
gave me encouraging reply, which led  
me to undertake a trip to that city although  
I could hardly afford it on account of  
my limited means. I travelled cheap  
& closely and left with friends there,  
namely Mr. Puchet and was much im-  
pressed with Phenograph but was obliged to  
leave again a little disappointed and  
a considerably poorer man for he an-  
swered me that he could not give me  
either agency nor apparatus for  
Germany before it was patented at  
Paris. He said that as soon as that  
was secured he would "have me in  
mind" and see that I got part in a  
way, earn a living for my dear fam-  
ily, who are still at home in New-  
York. It waited a few weeks when more



moving from him I wrote to him asking  
for a clockwork instrument (of course  
expecting to pay for it). He replied that  
he had none finished and besides, that  
he first wished to go to Berlin himself  
before he disposed of one - I waited a  
while longer and becoming more intensely  
occupied on the outbreak owing to the fact  
that a man named Fuhrmann a  
Berlin German Jew was coming  
to Manchester where I had just  
lectured on your invention with a  
Photograph machine Edison - in plain  
English with an apparatus patterned  
after yours, get which he was trying  
to palm off as yours - I at once  
wrote to Parkes stating this fact  
and telling him as a fellow country  
man an American to put me in  
the way of rebutting this pretended  
inventions experiments by getting me  
an immediate possession of one of  
your improved instruments. His  
answer was that he was going to  
Berlin with the Clockwork Photograph

No 2  
and could not let me have one but  
that as I seemed to be very anxious to  
commence "operations" he would send  
me one of the small ones (a very small  
one indeed) to begin with - Now what  
was I to do? I was determined to disclose  
the minds of the German people by doing  
the difference between the counterfeit com-  
mon shown by Fuhrmann as Edison's  
Photo and the genuine one made by  
Hartley at Paris. So I ordered one  
from Parkes. Often having it in use  
a short time I once more wrote to Mr.  
Parkes reminding him of his promise  
in the hopes held out for a larger  
apparatus. He replied that about the  
end of "next week" he was going to Berlin  
with one of the Clockwork Photos and  
that I should then hear from him.  
(You may imagine my dear Sir that  
by this time I was much about, apparently  
worked up with fear hope mystery  
and speculation for the future for he it

Remember that, at least, half a dozen, or perhaps a dozen, men known themselves were already swallowing about the broad country, and I felt the ground giving way under me and began to think that all my hopes were frustrated in this direction - <sup>then</sup> In this state of mind I wrote one last appeal to Mr. D. begging him to be candid and tell me whether or not there was any hope for my coming and preparing one of you last imposed thoroughly. His reply came yesterday and has I think forever settled the question between him and I on this to me vital question and this Mr. Elson, is my reason for, for annoying you with his rambling and lengthy epistle. I find that his conditions are altogether too exacting for me to comply with them however much I desire in my heart to have your great influence to show to the people of this country whose language I speak as fluently as my own and among whom I have spent about 6 years

of my life 3 of which as W. S. Conover  
his conditions are (and he knows that I am  
poor) 1000 francs cash in hand - 1000 francs  
gratuité and (one) 1000 francs per month in  
allowance for living of cash, much expensives  
and finally that he cannot give me  
the exclusive right for America - For  
this is too propositions, since I have done  
already my power to cry down the poor  
imitation and delaying long <sup>longer</sup> <sup>longer</sup> <sup>longer</sup> on  
Edison's invention. - The worst feature of  
it is, that he demands what is next to  
an impossibly from one first in cash  
and second in ~~gratuité~~ <sup>gratuité</sup> who could  
go laid here for a stranger?

I have wife and children the two people  
of whom I love as intensely as you can  
possibly love your dear little "Ft." and  
"Dak." I would be ready to bring every  
sacrifice for their sakes; for they are  
very dear to me. Ft. I cannot describe  
as impracticably. I am poor, I  
lost my all (except my bones and good home)

in your comfortable newspaper columns at  
Newcastle Pa. anything which you  
may desire to know in regard to my  
character for honesty and reliability. You  
are at liberty to procure from any of my  
acquaintances there either the P. Mar-  
tin or Hazen or any friends included.  
I only desire to ~~say~~ <sup>say</sup> something by  
which I may ~~clear myself~~ <sup>clear myself</sup> to my  
family. I am willing to work but  
I have not the money to comply with your  
impossible foreign agents demands!  
I feel very distressed to see all my  
hopes thus crushed. I come to you, therefore,  
and appeal to you to intercede in  
my behalf. You know what it is to be  
poor! I do not beg, Oh no! I only  
beg you to aid me to get terms or that  
I can make a living for my dear ones  
who are now in need and want  
the means to clothe and feed them during  
the coming winter. Time is very precious  
every day costs money, cost all you can to  
have this in mind if you are kindly disposed.

Nov 8.

One kind word from you to your agent will  
make my future look bright and hopeful.  
Your indifference to my humble appeal  
will bring my dispondency. Your intercession  
in my behalf will bring joy to my poor  
family. Your passing it by may bring  
despair - I have no more to say except  
to beg your pardon. For thus troubling  
you and finally asking you to take  
my case my claims and my situation  
into favorable consideration and if you  
can conclude to give me your special  
attention to do so by return of mail  
to your agents at Paris, for instance. I  
know what my fate is to be within 30  
days, I shall be obliged to return home  
to America, lest my means give out.  
Without hope for the kind acts  
which your generous heart may prompt  
in my behalf I am

Your fellow countryman  
J. A. Forsgren  
Family of Lancaster Pa. now so abroad without

To Springer  
Philadelphia  
Sept 20 1878

Ans'd Sept 25 1878

My reference in Philadelphia  
to J. D. Water  
10th Street N.Y.

~~Handwritten scribble~~

JOHN HICKLING,  
**Banker and Broker,**

No. 62 BROADWAY.

ALSO AT  
21 NEW STREET,  
OPPOSITE LIME AND COIN EXCHANGES.

New York, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Dear Mr Edison

Having returned unsuccessful with  
the two Phonograph machines I write to ask if  
you can make use of same or if you can  
dispose of them at some price. The two boxes of  
foil which has been so troublesome is also  
on my hands, they all remain in care of Mr.  
Ch. Laughlin Electric Pen office 267 Broadway N.Y.  
I hope you will be able to take them off  
my hands. Make me a bid for the whole  
amount. One box of foil has not been opened,  
the other has had about 9 pounds taken out.

I presume you received a letter  
from me some time ago explaining the reason  
for abandoning the Australian enterprise

Waiting your reply

I am

Very Truly  
John Hickling

Ministère  
de l'Agriculture, du Commerce

CABINET  
DU  
MINISTRE

N<sup>o</sup> 10022

619

Paris, le 10. Septembre 1871

Monsieur,

J'ai reçu la lettre que vous avez bien voulu m'adresser, et par laquelle vous m'annoncez votre désir de contribuer au succès de la Colonie Nationale par l'offre d'un Phonographe.

Je me suis empressé de faire part avec toute confiance à l'organisation de notre généreuse initiative et je me joins à lui pour vous exprimer nos très vifs remerciements.  
Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de ma considération la plus distinguée.

Le Ministre  
de l'Agriculture et du Commerce  
Léonard de Bort

Monsieur Edison

Ch. H. H.

Paris Sept 20, '78

Dy Boch

Regarding small  
photo which Puckaw  
sent him has —

# *Statement of Profits in the Exhibition of the Phonograph in France 1878*

between the 23<sup>d</sup> April and 23<sup>d</sup> September

Net Profits

Total  
Profits

Share of Interest

1/ at the Paul des Capucines  
Paris

M<sup>r</sup> Thos. Pustar

from 23<sup>d</sup> April to 31 July 20928 90 13591 65

from 1 Aug. to 31 Aug 7366 70 3993 20

from 1 Sept. to 22 Sept. 6500 . 3047 70  
(approximate)

2/ in the Provinces

until the day

a) through M<sup>r</sup> Th. Boust 600 . 450 .

b) through M<sup>r</sup> Le Danois 2000 . 1500 .

37395 60 22582 55

deduct:

Loss in the Provinces

from 11 May to 26 May 1220 20 610 10

Balance of Net Profits 36175 40 21972 45

from 23 April to 23 Sept. }  
Total Profits Share of Interest

Paris 23<sup>d</sup> September 1878

Ex<sup>te</sup> O<sup>e</sup>.

Cornelius Roosevelt



Leipzig,  
Lithographische 5

Sept. 30. 78.

Mr. J. A. Edison  
Menlo Park  
New Jersey N. Y.  
America.

Dear Sir,

On this side of the Ocean there  
has been much speaking these years  
about your inventions concerning  
the use of electricity for the optic &  
acoustic & communication of human  
thought & even your phonographs,  
particularly a great deal of curiosity  
& here is hear further particulars of  
them. As I am preparing lectures  
on the physiology of voice to be read  
at this university in the course of the  
following year I should feel  
much obliged by your kindly  
sending me such papers as you  
published about your inventions  
and joining a price-list of your  
apparatus.

Believe me, dear Sir,  
truly yours

Dr. F. Techner.

11/10  
Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 5th 1892

Thomas A. Edison Esq.  
Menlo Park  
New Jersey

Dear Sir:

I write simply to advise you that I expect to leave on the 6th inst. for home, with the Patent for both this Country and the Argentine Republic in my possession. This business has been delayed and has cost me much trouble and expense more expensive than I had any idea of. I hope you have perfected the Phonograph for then something may be done to recompense for all this. But the Machine as I brought it here would not draw any spectators. After the exhibition by the party who imported one from France, all the Dona Pedro public school has abandoned for exhibition. Next at his shop but even there very few went to see it - they are not a curious people - I hope also on my return to be able to make some arrangement with you for your Edison &c. with regard to the Machine

I am

Yours truly  
Edm. A. Jones



223 South William Street  
New York 21 Dec 1878

J. A. Edwards  
New York City  
New York

Yours of this date received.

We expect to have a vessel  
in berth for Port Chalmers N.Y.  
within a fortnight - when  
ready to receive you will be  
a detail.

Port Chalmers is the  
port of Dundee in the Province  
of Otago - & distant about ten  
miles - the latter being  
inland & not accessible to vessels  
never the less are the same  
place - Chocomaqui is in the  
Province of Southland about three  
hundred miles from Port Chalmers  
with the greatest communication to  
Respectfully Yours, R. W. Canebody

THE EDISON ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.,  
3 BROAD STREET,

NEW YORK, N.Y.  
J. H. GALLAGHER, V. PRES.  
R. D. FARMER, TREAS.  
C. GREENMAN, SECY.

New York, *November 3*, 1878

Thos A Edison Esq  
Mentlo Park  
My dear Sir

I have had the  
enclosed letter in Russian  
translated & send you the  
original with the English  
version -

The newspaper article  
gives a long account of the  
photograph with a personal  
account of its inventor  
couched in most complimen-  
tary phrases - As it has  
no bearing upon Electric  
Light matters, at Mr. Loomis's  
suggestion, I return it to you

Very truly yours  
C. Greenman Secy

My Nov 13/78  
C. G. Dodd

Relates to translation  
of a Russian letter  
about phone

Letter & translation  
sent to Puskas



23 South William Street  
New York 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 1878

J. A. Edison Esq  
Morningside Park

N.Y.

Dear Sir

Your favor of yesterday's date  
is to hand.

We are now loading Boston  
"R. Lyman" & "Charles Jones" for  
Sweden N.Y. and if you will send  
on four shipments to our care,  
we will see to their going on board  
vessel. Send you R.F. Please  
ship them at once, send us Railroad  
receipt with particulars of goods.  
On looking over our books we find we  
had shipped cards of the vessels above  
named to you at the time they were  
shipped.

Yours faithfully  
R.W. Cameron

OFFICE OF THE  
PIONEER LINE  
FOR  
Australia, New Zealand and the East,  
23 SOUTH WILLIAM STREET.  
*New York, November 25th, 1878.*

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**

FOR MELBOURNE, DIRECT.

"A MINTA,"

Dispatch, . . . . . December 28th.

FOR SYDNEY, DIRECT.

"PRINCESS LOUISE,"

Prompt Dispatch.

FOR DUNEDIN, N. Z., DIRECT.

"S. R. LYMAN,"

Dispatch, . . . . . December 7th.

"CHARLES FOBES,"

Dispatch, . . . . . December 28th.

FOR LYTTLETON and WELLINGTON, N. Z.,

"ISAAC HALL,"

Dispatch, . . . . . December 14th.

FOR ADELAIDE, S. A., DIRECT.

"CLIPPER SHIP,"

Dispatch, . . . . . January 10th.

LOADING BERTH, PIER 9, EAST RIVER.

These vessels will be dispatched on or around dates given for the respective Ports.

R. W. CAMERON & CO.

[COPY FOLLOWS]

London Dec 1. '78  
Prof Barrett

I would have bought the small  
French pattern, - like your  
American one, but the Phonograph  
Company refused. If it is  
possible or legal for you to send  
me one or portable phonograph  
suitable for lectures I shall be  
greatly obliged & will pay all  
expenses. If you could  
send even a complete  
experiment of your invention  
it would be very desirable as they  
might subsequently be permanently

understand your patent is one. This  
is a very small for the  
to all your  
letters how long they  
your must be. I will  
then is more difficult  
you must  
Barrett  
Dec 1. 1878  
I am anxious to  
get a phonograph  
in my lecture & you at  
'New'. I have announced to  
lectures at some of the leading  
institutions in this country &



[COPY FOLLOWS]

If you should  
send any thing  
please send  
them to  
Charles Jones  
6 Lombard St.

Dec 30. Jan 3. 1880

" W. L. Garrison & his agent

" in relation to the phonograph

" can be telephone, terrestrial

" & possibly <sup>his method of</sup> electric light

Look send you the printed  
announcement.

The Stereoscopic Company  
have as yet supplied no phonographs  
McGuffie and things I have

long since ordered me, I fear  
there is little chance of me  
being ready for my use.  
I wonder you has written for  
that price sent to a friend  
of mine, which will show  
that they are trying to secure  
the exhibition at high rates  
as long as possible & have no  
doubt then what can be  
sell the instrument.

Copy

Dublin Decr. 1878

My Dear Sir

There is some difficulty in my getting a  
 photograph to illustrate your discovery in my  
 lectures. I am announced to lecture  
 at some of the leading institutions in this country on  
 New & Gang 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> on Mr Edison's recent invention  
 the phonograph. Carbon telephone transmitters &  
 possibly his method of electric lighting. I will send you  
 the printed announcements.

The Stereoscopic Company have  
 as yet supplied no phones to the public and though I have  
 long since ordered one I fear there is little chance  
 of one being ready for my use. I enclose you  
 two letters from that firm sent to a friend of mine  
 which will show that they are trying to secure the  
 exhibition at high rates as long as possible and hence  
 no doubt, their reluctance to sell the instrument.  
 I would have bought the small French pattern like your American one  
 but the Stereoscopic Company objected. If it is possible or legal for you to  
 send me over a portable phone suitable for lectures I shall be  
 greatly obliged & will pay all expenses. Or if you could send over a complete  
 equipment of your invention it would be very desirable as they might subsequently  
 be permanently exhibited in London under your name & care. This however  
 is asking too much for the present. Thanks for all your letters. How  
 very busy you must be. Further news shortly.

Yours W F Barrett

If you should send anything send it to  
 Colford Road & Finsbury St B

[ENCLOSURE]



PRIZE MEDAL FOR PORTRAITURE, VIENNA, 1882.  
PRIZE MEDALS,  
LONDON, NEW YORK, BERLIN & BRUSSELS.  
PHOTOGRAPHED TO H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.  
AND TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

The London Stereoscopic & Photographic Company,  
110, 108 & 106, REGENT STREET.

AND AT  
SALISBURY.

Please see letter enclosed.

London Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1878  
Dear Sir, In reply to your  
favor the price of the  
first photograph will  
be £1.10 and we hope  
to be able to supply  
them in about three  
weeks, but for private  
use only.

We are, Dear Sir,  
Very faithfully,  
Yours,  
J. S. P. C.

M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> C. J. Laddiman  
per J. S. P. C.  
L. S. P. C.  
for J. S. P. C.

[ENCLOSURE]

The Gentlemen who will be  
in charge of the instrument  
Will caused it to long to  
speak whatever way he  
desired

Should you wish to  
have an exhibition kindly  
let us know as soon as  
possible to avoid disappointment  
as dates are rapidly being  
filled up Mr and Mrs  
Gow's Satisfaction.

Wm. Lubbock G.W. & Co



PRIZE MEDAL FOR PORTRAITURE, VIENNA, 1875.  
THREE MEDALS.  
LONDON, NEW YORK, BERLIN & DUBLIN.  
PHOTOGRAPHS TO H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES,  
AND TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

The London Stereoscopic & Photographic Company,  
110, 108 & 106, REGENT STREET.

AND  
54, CHAPLIN STREET,  
E.C.4.

London Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1878

Dear Sir,  
The Photograph  
Speaking Machine

We have the pleasure  
to inform you that we have  
made arrangements for exhibiting  
the above most wonderful machine  
at Literary and Scientific Institutions  
on terms for which are  
£5.5/- expenses charged & the

NY 6<sup>th</sup> 78  
Thos W Jones  
and Dec 6 78

27 Dec 80<sup>th</sup> South  
11th Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1878  
Shimmi & Alisa Esq  
Central Park  
New York

Dear Sirs

I am back from  
Brazil having secured  
your sight in the Marquesas  
Isles and in the Argentine  
Confederation.

We informed down town that  
you seldom visit the City,  
and like to have an intro-  
-duced with you at such  
time and place as you may  
select.

I hope you will give us a

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

J. H. [Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

Kindly in the Electric light,  
and the Crown, Va.  
especially as I prepare  
the ground in the event of  
your meeting with success  
before my departure from  
there.

Yours truly,  
J. H. [Signature]

OFFICE OF  
ERNST BILHUBER,  
132 Nassau Street.

New York, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 78

F. A. Osborn Esq.  
Mond's Park -  
Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 5<sup>th</sup> has been  
received and contents noted -  
I should be very much obliged if you  
will be kind enough to direct a few  
lines to your agent in Paris which  
will aid in the procuring a Photograph  
for the Royal Industrial Museum  
(Museum für die Kunst, Centralstelle für  
Gewerbe & Handel) in Stuttgart Germany.

I will write to the above named establishment  
to have them send their request to Mr.  
Theo. Puckas. If not asked too much I  
should be very thankful if you would  
be kind enough to send me a few lines for  
the purpose of enclosing such a letter  
to Mr. Puckas. Very Respectfully,  
Ernst Bilhuber.





THEO. PUSKAS

*in St. Louis, Missouri*

45 Avenue de l'Opéra

Paris, le 11<sup>th</sup> Decem. 1891

My dear Edison

Enclosed please find check for  
\$14.25 in discharge of two bills for  
himself. The last sending has not yet  
come to hand but I expect it daily.  
Will write you to-morrow.

Very truly yours

Theo. Puskas

Mexico; Decber 16<sup>th</sup> 1874.

To the Director of the Edison  
Speaking-Phonograph Company,  
P.O. Box 5529, New-York.

Dear Sir

I have been waiting  
since long time an answer to the letter which  
I have directed to you on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1874, and  
I do not know indeed which may be the rea-  
son of your silence but to suppose that my  
letter may have been lost.

Enclose I send you the copy of it.

I have been told that you have invented  
now a new calling bell for houses, put in  
movement by Magneto-electric-bateries.  
Should that be true it would be quite  
an important improvement: if it is not,  
you ought study and make that invention  
which, sure, would give the best results.  
I have some project on it, but my business  
do not allow me time for it, and besides as  
the manufacturing in this country is so dear  
and difficult, it would not be convenient for  
me to loose my time.

Now I tell you, Sir, my house is about the  
alone requested to fix the electric-bells in the  
hotels and particular houses in this city, so I  
think I should be the most satisfactory  
person to sell here your new bells.

Y<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Edison

So be so kind Sir, and tell me if you think  
convenient the proposal I made you with  
my first letter, proposal which I make you  
now again for all the Mr Edison's inventions.  
As before and always I remain

Yours respectfully,

Charles L. Carter

Copy of my letter July 1<sup>st</sup> 1878.

Mr. Chas. A. Cheever  
(Edison Speaking Photographic Company,  
205 Broadway, New-York.  
N 5529, P.O. Box 20)

Dear Sir,

Messrs Probst & Co

N.Y. city, sent me your favour June 11.  
The best attention has been paid to your pro-  
posal, and I am very obliged to you for it.  
I am very sorry my dear Sir to tell you  
that the Edison's conditions are not conve-  
nient to me.

I make however to him another proposal,  
that is:

- A For the exclusive privilege of selling or  
exhibiting Phonographs or any other Edison's  
inventions, I shall take care to obtain the  
patent in that country of Mexico in the name  
and at expenses also of Mr Edison.
- B Mr Edison will give me the exclusive agency  
for the sale of phonographs and other arti-  
cles of invention of Mr Edison.
- C He will allow me a 15 % on the gross  
selling, and I shall sell only at the prices  
and conditions he will give me.
- D Mr Edison, and I too, shall be at liberty to  
continue our agreement, or to make other arrange-  
ments at any time we are pleased.
- E On my side I oblige me, for all the time.

Box of copies Mr  
16<sup>th</sup> 78  
Carter's letter  
about phonograph  
copy of letter of July 1<sup>st</sup>  
which was read  
just here  
used July 17<sup>th</sup>  
see letter book.

I am agent of Mr. Edison, to not make any improvement and manufacture Phonographs or article of Mr. Edison's invention.

I believe that I may take care of the Mr. Edison's interests, better than any other persons in the republic.

I am now established more than fifteen years in this city with a factory and depot of surgical instruments, mechanical and scientific apparatus, and I am quite well known as the only such a manufacture throughout the whole republic.

In such way I have done business with the Bell Telephone Company, and with good result.

I should be very satisfied that my proposal would be of agreement of Mr. Edison, and enter into business with him.

Waiting your answer, I remain

Yours truly,  
Subscribed Carlos Lexter

Carlos Lexter  
Calle del Puente Esplanada Santo N 9  
Mexico City.

To

NOTE

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1871/2 Phon-

J. A. Edison Esq  
Menlo Park  
New Jersey U.S.A.

FROM

GEO E. GOURAUD.  
6 LOMBARD STREET E.C.  
LONDON. 20 Dec 1878.

Phonography

I send you herewith a statement of Professor Barrett's the significance of which you will be sure to appreciate. He tells me besides that he believes Nottage is making a large income from Exhibitions. He knows that his net receipts from Dublin alone were very considerable as after the initial Exhibitions (those following Barrett's Lecture) one firm paid for a long time £50 a week for the privilege of continuing the show. Besides Barrett's evidence of Nottage's policy in refusing sales of Phonographs I have numerous other instances in corroboration of the same. I have frequently asked where Phonographs can be bought, none for private use some for export and in several instances where I have referred them to Nottage I have heard that they were unable to buy them on any terms. Now this seems to me a great outrage and a great violation of not only the spirit

and the letter of your Contract and I can only say to you that if you will please me in a proper position so to do - and it must obviously be as an interested party - I will make it my business to reform this thing. We have evidence enough to enable us to cancel the Contract and take the whole thing out of his hands but before accepting such an alternative I feel sure that I could accomplish a compromise by which the advanced Royalties already paid you would be soon covered - if indeed they have not been long since - by Exhibitions, and a further income to you early follow. This matter is seemingly well worth your attention and need takes no more of your own time and thought than to put me (or somebody else if you like) in a suitable position to act in the premises.

In this connection, referring to your offer of some time since to sell me a certain interest in your English Phonograph Royalties I do not feel under all the circumstances, justified in accepting it and submit for your consideration whether such services as I can perform in your behalf

(2)

would not, of themselves justify  
a compensation in the form of a  
share of the results. But should  
this not meet your views, I  
nevertheless place my services at  
your disposal in any manner you may  
find most so far as may be practicable for  
me to carry out.

*W. E. Emerson*

Memo. of Conversation dictated  
 of Prof. W. F. Barrett with Stereoscopic  
 Co. Cheapside London. 28 Dec 1884.  
 dictated by him to me Thomas Mallet.  
 and in the presence of Mr. Gouraud.

I have just come from the Stereoscopic Co.  
 having asked them to let me have a  
 phonograph for my lecture at Monday  
 evening - They offered me the best  
 one that Edison put out, but did not  
 think they could supply me with a  
 clock work instrument - I told them  
 I wanted one for my lecture at Hull  
 and Manchester and proposed purchasing  
 one from them according to an order  
 sent them some time ago - They showed  
 me several that they had in stock  
 just come from the makers, the price of  
 which was ten guineas - hand machine.  
 but they declined to let me have one  
 and on my asking why, they said  
 they required a written guarantee  
 that the instrument should not be  
 used for public exhibition, or if so  
 used, should be used not of  
 Great Britain and Ireland.  
 I then said, "Do you positively decline  
 to let me purchase one of your  
 instruments for my lectures?"  
 They said "Yes; on any conditions, we have  
 not one now to spare - The first



orders that have to be supplied  
are those taken at the Crystal Palace

I said, "Why are you so slow in making  
them? There is an immense demand now for  
them all over the country, as I know from  
enquiries addressed to me personally  
and what I hear from friends."

They replied "We cannot get them made  
quick enough. Mr Blakey of the British  
Telegraph Co., having broken his contract, and  
we think of bringing an action against him"

I said, "Why not go to Elliot or some large  
firm who could turn you out the things  
quickly?" He said "We have spoken to

several - I remarked that as I was  
detaching at home on Mr Edison's  
inventions I was anxious to show his  
discoveries in their most perfect form;  
hence should be glad if they would  
enable me to do him all the justice  
they could - as doubtless they had  
made a good thing out of his  
phonograph and felt sure they  
would oblige me - They replied

"It is Mr Edison that has made money  
out of us, not we out of him" -  
but they admitted having been wonderfully  
successful in Dublin in exhibiting  
the instrument after it had been  
shown at the British Association  
at my request -

This agreement entered into this  
day of by  
at S.A.E. 96 miles from  
a stop of 77 p. 1/2 ft. at  
The Edison Mfg. Co. 96  
the City of New York  
of Comm. & partly of  
the 2nd part & within  
where the said Edison  
has a patent granted to  
him for a speaking phony  
in 1877 and  
where the said Thomas  
Co. is desirous of making  
the same. therefore be it  
agreed that the said  
Dominion of Canada is  
hereby included within

of the Edison Co. in the light of the  
the manifest in which  
of patent law was then

the the royalty of 20 per  
cent shall extend to  
46 paid upon account  
received from exhibitors  
the said phase involving  
in the Dominion of  
Canada -

It is further agreed that  
the said Co shall at  
their own expense protect  
the said patent in the  
Dominion of Canada  
from infringement  
& also manufacture & sell the  
said apparatus in  
conformity with the law

the provisions of the Contract  
of <sup>2</sup> between  
the said E & C. A. C. & all  
dated Jan 30 1878  
in the same manner as with  
the US patent and the  
same royalties to be paid  
the said Edison and all other  
agreements between the said  
Edison & the said Co  
to extend to the Dominion  
of Canada in the same  
manner as of the said  
Dominion was a part of  
the US or covered by  
the US patent  
It is further agreed

~~Mr. J. H. Smith~~  
~~of the~~ ~~Telegraph~~ ~~immediately~~  
~~inventions of~~ ~~Photograph~~  
~~slides taken by Smith~~  
~~to South America~~

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L. A. Lubing  
New York

~~Four~~

It requires tin foil  
thirteen  $\frac{1}{2}$  by  
five inches

T. A. Edison

New York

to J A Edison -

to cable

Telegraph permission to ship  
photograph to Morrin ~~through~~ steamer  
for Japan other wise see me ~~before me~~ <sup>before me</sup> ~~del~~  
one of Friday important best  
not to mention to day

Sig Chas A Cheever.

1878. Polyform (D-78-033)

Correspondence.

All selected.

[APRIL 9, 1878]

If not private please tell me  
where I can get your recipe  
for relieving pain, caused  
of Rheumatoid Arthritis

file manuscript

Respectfully  
J. M. Worthington M.D.  
132 N. Gay Street  
Baltimore Maryland

New Orleans April 11<sup>th</sup> 78

Thos. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir: In an account of an interview had with you - published in the "World" - the Reporter states that you have a preparation which will instantly stop pain. He gives the ingredients but not the proportions. My wife has suffered greatly for years with pains in the back & doctor after doctor has failed to give her relief. Believing, with the rest of the world, that whatever you do is a success, I write this to beg of you to inform me how or where I can get a bottle of this preparation. Of course I am aware that you are not a vendor of medicine, but on the other hand, the chance of benefiting my wife makes me run the risk of being considered importunate. If you can, without inconvenience, give me the information asked for you will greatly oblige

Yours most Respectfully

DBW

H. L. Leclaire



The reporter made a misstatement in regard to  
curing all pains. It relieves  
neurologic pains etc.

W.H.

May 11, 1907

H. J. Ireland

- 1 oz. alcohol
- 2 1/2 Chloroform
- 1 1/2 Chloral Hydrate
- 1 1/2 Camphor Gum
- 1 1/2 Sulphur Ether
- 8 Grain Sulphate Morphine
- 1 drach Oil Cassia
- 1 " " Cloves

Apply externally.

Do not take it inwardly

*Miss*  
*C. L. Hancock*

Apr 8. 78

*Muscle*

Pomerville April 13. 1878

Dear Sir

In an article in the  
Supplement to the Scientific American for  
April 20 1878 you are made to say that you  
had a mixture of morphine & blood which  
would cure pain. For ten many years I  
have been for the most of the time  
confined to my room & nearly half the  
time to my bed with no illness but  
pain constant intense agony night &  
day. The best physicians the State of Virginia  
& California & nearly every  
advised remedy have been tried but  
to little advantage the only real relief being  
obtained from hypodermic injections of  
morphine. The doctors call my trouble  
Neuralgia of the sciatic nerve & say  
that there is no cure. It has made an  
old man of me in my youth. No one can  
imagine how I suffer if you have  
anything which will relieve me I'll

is not a secret please forward me  
the formula. It will relieve me  
enough so that I could get four or five  
hours of conscious relief & an opportunity  
to sleep four or five hours at a time. It  
would be a Godsend.

During the intervals  
between my worst pains I have devoted  
the time to inventing & with success. I  
am naturally active & getting aside the  
pain it is terrible to be chained down  
unable to work more than ten or fifteen  
minutes at a time & then pay for it by  
hours of increased pain. That is the way  
I have made all my models for the  
different patents I have.

I have been disappointed  
so many times that I shall await your  
answer with anxiety.

Respy Yours  
Geo L. Gilman  
of Belmont  
Mass.

Edward L. Gilman  
Somerville  
Mass

Rand Fork Co

Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> 1858

Dear Sir

I saw yesterday an article in the world describing your wonderful Paragraph, amongst other things the writer stated that you observed some a preparation composed of Iodoform, Chloroform, Chloral Hydrate, tincture of Cloves and Camphor, saying that it would relieve pain instantly. Will you be good enough to send me the formula and names of preparations as well as the dose. You will please pardon the liberty I take, as the only reason I have is that my wife is a great sufferer, and most of the ordinary means at our command often fail. You will confer a favor upon us both by replying to this at once, if you are not opposed at my boldness in addressing you.

Yours Respectfully  
W. H. Mitchell

Can you copy the formula  
on that postal card,  
send - and we await results





My June 3 '78

Chas. Morton

Peyforn

Ans June 5 '78

Private June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1878

Professor Edulston

Dear Sir

I have long been an admirer of your inventive talents but I did not take up my pen to Echo so world wide a sentiment. Now to ask you to give me the prescription of your wonderful mixture while you say stop pain immediately.

In doing this you will have the satisfaction of knowing you have relieved one sufferer from the cruel torture of

neuralgia to which  
she is a daily victim  
Trusting that you  
will not consider  
the request as  
liberty - I remain

dear Sir

truly yours

Olive Morton

Please address  
me under cover

to - F. F. Atkinson Esq  
c/o - W. & E. A. P.  
Gramercy Park  
House  
New York.



Westport June 8<sup>th</sup> 1878

Thomas A. Edison

Dear Sir

I see by the Boston Journal  
That you have a Lotion  
that will cure the Neuralgia  
I have a friend that is  
a great sufferer of that  
disease. And I would  
your Lotion Please send  
me directions & where I  
can get it - with the price  
Address E. E. Mc Carthy  
Westport Maine

Somerville June 6, 1878

Dear Sir

I should have answered your kind letter before this but have had one of my "bad spells" confining me to my bed & rendering it impossible for me to write. I am now better but so weak that it is hard work for me to guide my trembling hand. I tried your recipe for neuralgia. I had previously used equal portions of Chloral Hydrate & Camphor & your recipe gave similar results. It relieved the pain while held on the nerve but as soon as removed the pain returned. There is a peculiar case of neuralgia of the sciatic nerve so very peculiar & severe defying all known remedies as to be mentioned in the medical journals. I have had the most eminent physicians from Dr. Brown Sequard down & all have failed to do more than give me temporary relief from the horrible pain. It comes very hard on me as I am comparatively young & ambitious. I am a successful inventor & have received seven patents. I have now an application ready for another which is an improvement on my last. An improved printing press. I enclose a photograph of the press as patented. Everybody knowing you in this vicinity tell me that you are one of the most honorable of men. Feeling this to be true I take the liberty of making a suggestion by "If the following idea is practicable that you put it into form & take an equal interest with me in the patent. I have given practical men an idea of the result &

I aimed at & have been assured that if perfected it would be of great value. I will endeavor to make it as plain to you as possible. It is an arrangement whereby a person in any part of a building or steamship may know at all times how much water there is in the boiler & how many pounds of steam are generated. Each object in his state from the pilot in his house to the passengers on a steamship & each occupant of a room of office in a factory or building heated by or using steam would know whether the engineer was faithful or not.

I propose to place a float in the boiler to do this. Some time ago I saw in the Scientific American a statement that Mr. Elisha Gray of Chicago had discovered that different musical notes could be sent out over water without interference & that by means of tuning forks different currents could be operated. Taking this to be a fact I made the following arrangement. The float in the boiler would have a stem of rod passing through the top of the boiler & extending as far above the top as the float sits in the boiler. On this stem I would place pins four or ten inches apart radiating like the spokes of a wheel no two being in vertical line. On a platform on top of the boiler I would place pivoted bars with one foot each pin with springs above & below them stiff enough to spring them back but not so stiff but that the float & rod rising & falling would overbalance them so that when the rod rose & fell the proper pin would raise the catch & as it passed by & released it would cause it to strike &

tuning fork. The tuning forks would be arranged around the rod each one in line with a pin. Connecting these tuning forks with a wire all leading to the different rooms where a motion case would be placed having within it a set of forks tuned with those on the boiler. The front of each case would have a number of apertures. On top of the case would be a gong.

Each case would be a number of metal tags of labels bearing numbers corresponding to the number of inches noted by the pins in the boiler stem. The gong & labels to be connected with the tuning forks so that the opening or closing of the circuit caused by the pin making the hammer strike a tuning fork would strike the gong & cause the proper label to drop behind an aperture at the same time raising the one previously dropped so that only one would be seen. For noting the rise of steam another similar case would be used connected with the same arrangement of pins & forks & operated either by a piston working in a steam pipe or by the divided hand of the steam gauge. The supposed necessity of using a battery which the putting of a vessel in a storm would discourage me but a Mr. Fuller of New York informed me that he could furnish a machine to replace the battery. Perhaps the tuning fork method is impracticable. If so you may know of some other method. I have given you my idea although perhaps not very plain as I am so weak I have to write by instalments. The idea is that when the water rises or falls 5 inches the first of last pin will open or close the circuit causing the label marked 15 or 45 if there are the extreme points to become exposed & remain so

until  
the mated rising or falling 5 or 10 inches causes another pin  
to strike another catch. You may know of some simpler or  
better method of obtaining the required result in various  
places than that of the tuning forks. Perhaps the whole thing  
is impracticable & I have caused you to waste your valuable  
time in reading this or laugh at my presumptuous under-  
stand scarcely anything about electricity. The mechanical  
portion I think I could arrange.

Yours Truly,

Edw. L. Hilman  
601 Walnut & Pearl St  
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Edw. L. Hilman  
Somerville  
Mass

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*Ad. Brewster.*

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Miss H. L. Stringfellow.  
Care of Mrs. R. A. Martin  
Petersburg, Va.

Boston June 11<sup>th</sup> 78

"Polyform"  
formula sent  
June 11 78

Boston June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1878.

Thos. A. Edison Esq.

Windsor Park N.J.

Dear Sir:

In an account published in the Boston Transcript, on the 28<sup>th</sup> ult., of the visit of representatives of the Boston Press, to your laboratory, &c, there appeared a paragraph, in regard to a medicine you had prepared for neuralgia, which was spoken of quite highly. (enclosed, please find said paragraph.) But myself and wife, are much afflicted with neuralgia; attacking me in the head, and sides, and my wife, in the head, side, and limbs; we have tried many things, but with little benefit. What I want to ask is,

what would be the price for a  
bottle of Polyform, or the price for the  
recipe, which I suppose could be  
put up, at some drug store here.

Hoping to hear from you at your  
earliest convenience,

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Geo. A. Chapin.

#63 West Brookline Street  
Boston. Mass.

**POISON.**  
"A yellow powder, called 'Polyform'"  
was noticed by one of the party in the laboratory.  
Mr. Jeffers said it was a mixture of the contain-  
ing all the known chemicals that acted upon the  
nervous system and that did not react one upon  
the other. He never knew it to fail to stop the  
pain from the most painful neuritis. It once  
cured, or rather delayed the pain of a German  
Jew, afflicted with neural neuritis, by an exten-  
sive application, when fifteen grains of morphine,  
two grains of atropine and a large dose of  
opium had failed to give relief.

Boston, June 14, 1878.

F. A. Benson Esq -

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst, came  
to hand in due season - Many thanks  
for the formulae, which to judge by the  
immediacy, must be a good thing, and  
shall have it put up at an early date -

Respectfully yours -

Geo. A. Chapman -

Middleboro, Mass.

June 17<sup>th</sup> 1878

Mr. Edison:

Dear Sir, having  
seen a notice to the effect that you  
have a machine for dictating, and  
will give the person who gets to any  
one other way a reward for giving  
the dictating address you and send the  
form of the form to us we have a  
form a notice to the effect that you  
are giving to the person who is  
completing, I have a form a notice  
and we are sending it to you, to  
most of the people, and I am, to

Yours, &c.,

Wm. H. Perry

P.O. Box 176

Middleboro  
Mass.

Ans'd June 19. 78

June 14<sup>th</sup> 1898  
 Executive Harry M. H.  
 McKelvin  
 Manila Post Office  
 "Dear Sirs,"

Being an Account  
of Your Wonderful Preparation  
to the First Christian College  
And the Boston Globe (Weekly)  
A June 10th. And An Account  
of Your Episcopacy in Giving  
Six Dollars to the Mission of  
Minister of the Episcopacy. & Feb 6  
of the The Students to  
prepare for the Transcendental  
Revolution and the State  
and Episcopacy should have  
the 42 have taken the thing  
to write and ask you if  
this would give it to the

R. L. Loring, being a great-  
subject from pain for  
years - Rheumatism  
in the back -  
and also - &c - &c - of  
a long time to be  
suffered - like very cold hands  
feet - Besides the pain  
in the body & there - but  
not - & - & - & -  
very long - & - & -  
to be - & - & -  
I sleep for nearly three  
years - & - & -  
in kind as to give me  
the formula - & - & -  
you - you will have -  
my heart - & - & -  
it will only believe me  
if you have - & - & -  
first - & - & -  
not - & - & -  
to be - & - & -

And that - you will  
have - your liberty - in  
writing - & -  
Respectfully - yours

Wm. Leland Randall  
Care of Mrs. A. B. Boley  
Mountain Ferry, N.H.

P. S. enclosed in stamp  
for you -

St. Louis, Mo.  
June 18<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mr. Edwards:  
I am very much obliged to you  
for the prompt reply to my  
inquiry. I have been thinking  
much of late, and I have been  
in combination of the  
you have a faithful friend.  
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JAMES P. HARTLEY,  
PRESIDENT.

L. S. BUTLER,  
CASHIER.

## New Hampshire National Bank.

Dartmouth, N. H., June 18 1878

Dr. J. Edelson Esq  
Monte Carlo N. J.  
Dear Sir,

Yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. was duly received & I desire to thank you for your kindness.

The remedy for a Rheumatism I have had prepared & my teacher has found very great relief from its use. — Several persons having learned of my Father's case have expressed a desire to try it. I cannot be glad to supply them, but do not, of course, feel at liberty to do so without permission.

I feel anxious to send you some of the kind to advise me.

Again thanking you  
I am, very truly yours  
L. S. Butler

Managers,  
HILBORNE L. ROOSEVELT,  
CHARLES A. CHERYER.

P. O. Box 5329.

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NEW YORK,  
32 TRINITY BUILDING,  
203 BROADWAY.

New York, July 9<sup>th</sup> 1895

Dear Edison

These prices I get from a  
reliable "first rate man."

Chloroform 1.00 lb

Sulphuric Ether .75 lb

Alcohol 2.25 Gall -

Chloralhydrate .25 oz

Camphor 30¢ lb.

Peppermint Oil 2.50 lb

Sulph. Morphin 4.40 oz

extra charge  
for bottles

These are prices  
the druggist  
will sell for.  
If covered he  
could make at  
a little less in  
large quantities

Do you think 2 oz bottles would  
be large enough? might have  
2 sizes - 2 & 4 -

Is it a positive cure and  
immediate in its relief?

Would you recommend it as a  
specific for Neuralgia, or is  
there not some other disease for  
which the thing is equally good -  
lots of rheumatism &c -

Please answer tomorrow  
Yours Ap.

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Office of  
W. H. Hayward  
Special Agent for  
Prof. J. Applebaum, D.D. Telephone  
202  
New York, N.Y.  
July 9<sup>th</sup> 1878

J. A. Edison Esq.

Mendota Park, N.Y.

Sir,

Mr Applebaum gave me a prescription  
made by you for Neuralgia. as  
follows.

Chloroform	2oz
Sulph Ether	1 "
Alcohol	1 1/2 "
Chloral Hydrate	2 "
Cayphor	1 "
Peppermint oil	1 draw
Sulphate Morphin	6 grains

"outward application only"

I used the compound for my

Ans'd July 12, 1878

Son. Employed in this office with  
beneficial results

It has occurred to me that - an  
application for Neuralgia. placed  
before the public. as the suggestion  
or discovery of the Editor might sell.

I will "try it on" if you will give  
me the permission to use your  
name and if you so judge will  
give you a per centum on receipts  
or profits for the privilege

Respectfully  
Yours truly  
Wm. H. Stoyman

PS

I presume your printing is  
out by Express. some weeks since  
You will know me when you see me

Washington  
Sept.

Mr. Adams,

As you expressed  
the wish, to hear of your friend  
John for the relief of the Freedmen,  
afforded me a respite from  
my grief. I hope you will  
accept my words to Charles  
with your request, as my  
reason for a second visitation  
upon our poor father. I did  
not consider I had given  
it a fair trial, until last  
week - I was suffering  
intensely, & so the pain for

Resisted from going to the Congress for some time, but  
like Galois, and I thought, since time was sufficient,  
if the mixture, I determined to try it with a little  
to try it again. The draught was fine. My cheeks were  
not prepared, it sent me to bed, I was informed by it,  
it was a very powerful prep that I had to do it, as I  
admitted I should be very, have returned to the city to  
careful hand I applied it, I returned the treatment of Gal  
you can imagine I was a woman. I think it might  
little interrupted as to give me relief for some time.  
The effect - However, clear throats, then the pain re-  
a throat pain, I did turn. I shall try it,  
not experience more burning when on the ground, and  
than from chloroform; all are most grateful to you,  
could not lay a cloth over your kindness for  
my check to prevent the sending it when you could  
disposition. But I am ready to have the  
part of from or fire time in my little accident. My physi-  
cian like me I ought to

Spent <sup>an</sup> hour months, give  
these sensitive nerves all the  
best for when my face  
is in perfect repose, it escapes  
the pain. It takes much a  
pain to demonstrate what an  
unusually sensitive the tongue  
is. The slightest motion of  
tongue will often produce the  
most excruciating pains.  
But it has so much of a  
patting from my own hand  
which I do not seem to  
notice. Knowing there  
will be an eternal rest  
if I only attain it. May  
God be your faithful  
friend in the work of grace.  
Friend. J. D.



Poly-anodyne = manifold pain reliever.

Polypharmakon = manifold drug or remedy.

Polymorph = many-formed.

1878. Railroad - Port Huron and Sarnia Railway Companies (D-78-034)

Correspondence, some by Edison; accounts, check.

All selected.

Post House June 10/78  
J.W. Wilson Esq (Lawson)

Mr Wm Stewart has  
accounted last against me & Galt  
MCK - in an old note that was  
presented by Dr Pto for some indebtedness  
of the Recd - as I understood it  
this indebtedness is to be paid by  
the old shareholders of Galt  
according as they own stock - which  
would be decided between you & I  
and Stewart - Now I am ready  
to pay my proportion of this thing  
could be closed up - Mr Stewart  
was Treasurer of the Galt Co  
and having the honor he as Treasurer  
and W.P. as secretary excepted  
Stewart and Charles Stewart who  
Dr Pto accuses of a deception

of several hundreds of dollars  
when the W.T.R.R. Commit-  
ment against the United Co  
in its Court for the ant-trust  
claim - I made arrangements with  
their attorney to stop the suit  
and send the Co about 200,000  
dollars - settled with W.T.R.R.  
I am very much pleased with  
these results and a credit of  
the money I advanced - Hope  
J. Ben Waller shows plainly by  
the looks that almost to a  
defection to the W.T.R.R. Co  
Wm. is at present or is to become  
that I should be concerned in  
this matter. The whole matter should  
be closed up and I know how  
you are ready to pay what you  
owe or receive what may be coming.  
I am ready to do likewise.

Must have kept this secret but  
for about 5 years it has been the  
great cause of W.T.R.R. and my  
difficulties - It has been a secret  
between me, has the originator  
of the Opposition W.T.R.R. - He  
bought 100 shares - and  
after receiving 4000 or 5000  
from the new opposition W.T.R.R.  
I picked out of this my own signature

You and I concluded the  
over the controversy should and I  
pledge you my honor as a business  
man we can get out without  
loss in time and I will try  
to assist me as far as I can  
truthful, correct and right  
to get this matter closed up  
so that you and I can be entirely  
free from any other indebtedness  
in the future



Pat Hume Jan 12/78  
J A Russell Esq  
Dear Sir

At a late date I sent  
you papers as agreed - I am glad  
to inform you, under the depressed  
condition of all business - the M.W.B.  
is doing well - I have watched close  
and certainly all appears possible  
and have only made application to  
improve and protect my property  
of the mine -

I am sorry to be con-  
felled to say to you - W.D. is running  
our opposition has shown as he can  
omit - Baggage has run - and  
since I have limited my for the  
Co-trust - Health - he has  
just as a Joseph Smith - or at  
least has advised others by furnishing

some old bones & bones, & I have, I suppose  
the off-putting goes nothing. I can  
say but it takes a small portion  
out of STCR earnings - viz.  
Quibus confutetur to the  
least I will let delay the last  
few days has made some few  
bits to STCR -

I am satisfied this  
STCR will see day light some  
day and you & I will get some  
at money out of it - every thing  
is moving as conveniently as it  
can - and as to the other being  
increased - now are working at  
about One dollar a day - food  
is bought at the least - each  
fruit - every corner is being watched  
close - and I believe is being run  
down in a business old manner  
I wish you would feel perfectly  
satisfied that any questions you

may wish to ask will be promptly  
and plainly answered by me with  
out delay and to who may be supposed  
or worry - Mr. Marshall feels  
himself to be a good man in  
the office - every thing has been  
going since he has taken charge  
He is a very hard worker and  
has heart and does however have  
40 years more or less -

You will please  
consider this, Mr. Marshall  
confidential and at all times  
you can call on me at any  
time for application or information  
regarding the STCR - I am  
determined to make the best I  
can for you & myself and in  
doing so I have to submit to  
some things that are unpleasant  
about the STCR all the time and  
is very anxious at times, but I try  
to attend to them - Mr. Marshall

Dr Watson

Dec 12, 1898

Please this favor to ask should  
any report come to you that  
I am bad - please tell me  
to investigate and explain  
before you give your verdict

Yours Respectfully  
William Brewster



Post Remon Feb 13/1878

Dear Bro

I see Whipple to day  
he says he will try and settle  
up the old R & P matter he tells  
me that he has been a stone  
how it was I have mislaid  
the notes and cannot find them  
just now but will in course  
of time Whipple has got the date  
of both notes and tells me he  
would get at it in a few days  
and close it up but I think you  
had better come out here to the  
yearly meeting which is in march  
I could not write you more but  
what I would like to let you  
and I want you to come out  
here and see for yourself I  
think you will say that my  
manuscript was not so bad after  
all under all the circumstances  
and what I had to contend with  
my private opinion of writers is  
that he is a good and downy know  
and will never know how to  
run a S. F. C.

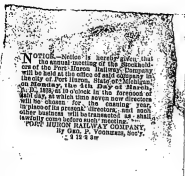
I think if you  
were here you could make a trial  
of the Symingtons but can do nothing  
unless you were here yourself  
write and let me know if you can come

It will not take you long and I  
have some a date time of the year  
for you if you were here I hope  
you would smooth a trail in  
Summer also settle up all the  
R & L accounts on this side and  
put all things in good shape  
and I think the sooner you come  
the better unless you would like  
to be here at the Annual meeting  
a household in March

We are having good lightning  
here and lots of snow that  
is falling here and getting  
less dollars a week which  
don't come in bad this winter  
be there and answer if you  
can come or not

Yours to all

A. P. E



Port Huron, Mich. Feb 23<sup>d</sup> 1878

J. A. Edison Esq  
Uleno Park E

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find notice of annual meeting  
of stockholders of Port Huron Meeting Ry and Marsh  
4<sup>th</sup> inst.

Yours truly  
L. R. Dunning

Office of J. & J. S. Symington,

TAILORING, DRY GOODS, AND  
CARPET WAREHOUSE,

*Symington 2nd Mad 1878*

*La Edison 6/*

*Dr Sir,*

*You have duly paid  
enclosing your Ch for amt  
to me, interest on amt borrowed  
paid us to date. We would have  
acknowledged receipt sooner  
but have been waiting intending  
to send statement of position  
of the road but have been  
unable to do so in consequence  
of the Clerk Cent not being settled  
it has gone against the road  
but we have not yet got  
a statement of the amt. paid  
but hope to be able to give*

J. S. Emeryman  
Receives

you a full statement within  
a short time. There is a talk  
of the G. & K. running a branch  
line through. But it is doubtful  
if this takes place there will  
not be need to look after  
they are operating at the present  
time. I doubt whether they  
decide coming or not. It will  
be decided in a few days.

Yours  
J. S. Emeryman

Mechanics National Bank.

# Mechanics National Bank,

Newark, N. J. April 18, 1878

Mr. T. Edison

A Draft Drawn on You by  
W. P. Edison Per H. H. H. for \$100 is held  
by the Mechanics National Bank, for your acceptance.

Please call at the Bank and accept it to-day.

Respectfully Yours,

O. L. BALDWIN, Cashier.

Thomas A Edison Esq. Port Haven April 28. 1878

Dear Sir

Yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. received  
this morning upon inquiring I am informed the  
following Lawyers are consulted good & competent  
men - McKenzies & Gurd, first on the list  
Mr & James Esq. - Pardon & Garvey - any  
other information I can offer you shall be  
pleased to do so

Yours Respectfully

William W. W. W.



Plymouth, Mich.  
29<sup>th</sup> April, 1878.

Thomas A. Edison, Esq  
Menlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir-

In replying to yours to Mr. Bancroft, who is out of the city mending his health, I visited Fennia and on enquiry of several firms there they all gave the names of J. S. Fisher and the firm of MacKenzie & Gird. as the best practising lawyers.

My further advice I am under well to give with pleasure.

Yours truly,  
C. A. Bancroft

[APRIL 1878]

## HURON HOUSE,

*That would like to come down and see you but  
the trouble is he is a little short of funds*  
W. AMES, Proprietor.  
*Out is working for the C. & M. R. Co. and get the  
TELEGRAPH & TICKET OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOUSE.*  
1140 *For more info - you would be calling on*  
*Paul Huron, Mich., 187*  
*a short time*

Dear Ben

I suppose you are  
aware that the Symonds sued  
me on acct of the Storm Woods  
and their Program is to get a  
Judgment Against me and then  
Lap on to your Woods Claiming  
that I own it. The suit was  
brought off last October, but I had  
it put off and I had to pay  
\$130<sup>00</sup> dollars to get it down it was  
put off until the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month  
and to put it off again I had to  
pay \$110<sup>00</sup> and I did not have  
the money to do it with so I  
borrowed \$100<sup>00</sup> of Atkinson  
and made a draft on you at the



[APRIL 1878]

days with the object of putting the  
debts off is not to let the time  
come of untold the terms Expires  
when you can call for your  
Horse and get it in your  
possession and stand if they  
can get a Judgment against  
me let them coach than which  
I think and so ~~proceeding~~ <sup>proceeding</sup> ~~that they will try and compromise~~  
the matter <sup>James</sup> and pay you for your  
Horse and drop the matter so  
if you possibly can pay the  
debt do so I was promised  
the money but I failed on it  
Do you get any Platinum from  
either road let me know  
the Sonnia road is making money  
and is far ahead in the market  
so don't get discouraged and you  
will get a good deal of money  
out of your St R Stocks. I have  
a great deal of you and you interested  
the ~~proceeding~~ <sup>proceeding</sup> of you and them W R L

Mr Edson  
New York

O. K. Norton May 23/88

Dear Sir as I am Commisdr in the  
Office since last December in Place of Imbottin  
& thought I would write you a few lines about the  
H. P. Rail way. The Road is doing as well as any  
business these dull times. The Opposition now making  
Against the Road is much worse than the H. and H. Rail  
Road was. And I will explain why - The Comm. on Monday  
withdrew a man on the Chicago & N. W. P. to which passengers  
& baggage two baggage was gone driven by Ed Knight  
& John D. Mally. Charles Edson in C. & L. & H. Office  
& Coach Division from both came for the Overland line  
The Opposition but was you furnished by H. P. Edson  
& handled by Coach or District Division had to lay up as  
they could not secure a parcel of Knight without  
Washette order. And Edson has the H. P. Co. all right  
Not to fight come to the H. P. way Co - which is one  
of the biggest Revenue we have our own on tickets  
for price amounted to 132<sup>00</sup> & let was bought

The Opposition is Making no money as I can see but still takes away quite a sum from us the Co. is considering the Prospects of Paying on a light Draft and Running it here against the Opposition. The Expenses to be paid by the Stockholders - Equally to the limit of their means are all willing but of course the biggest amount would fall upon you the Capt or Mr. Wallace. There is no other feeling any longer we must either give up H.P.R. or Draft must be run free Wallace has not yet consulted but will no doubt it is a mystery to all why Mr. Edson Opposes your Interest he is paying money for horses & other articles now he can do it make so little for he certainly can't make 50 per month over and above Expenses it seems to me that after paying 5 or 6 men 2 men or 3. I am sure he can't be making any more. Still I like to know from H.P.R. if we agree at all on it would pay much better but as it is we can't pay our way - and if Wallace had \$2000 I don't think we would certainly run in debt Robert & I are very fond considering the Opposition

But Robinson & Threlkeld us to death last winter as against our lot the best thing we can on the trail offering to Canada for less than could be done but by persistent effort on our part we had that trail of some time now. W.P. has been about with Mr. Stewart to Chicago several days he returned last week and said he has another Draft and wants to put on the trail now since it is I don't know quite a number of people are yes deceived thinking it still belongs to the H.P. way - & give their baggage to the Quartermaster it is all mine it is supposed by some one you are furnishing him the money and also it is supposed Stewart is doing it & doing his very best to ignore the H.P. that we know he would do only to spite some one & ignore his own debt. now what is the best course to pursue if H.P. are to commence Operation Run free they had better make an agreement on Draft to pay Expenses and see how long H.P.'s money would last. Your Interest is looked after by outsiders

14  
But your Brother is doing a great deal  
to try and your Intent, I can understand  
and if you can give me your opinion  
& advise what to do - I would be willing  
to lay the matter before our People -  
Now for Edson this is a voluntary letter  
on my part and I would ask you to keep  
it private as I have no desire to get into  
any controversy with my Friend Pitt or any  
one else, I heard he stated that any letter  
written to me by John A. Edson or others  
that he always gets them sent to him at  
once - I have no particular set in the  
matter, only to make all the money I can for  
the Company, and as you are the largest stock  
holder in the Co., I thought I could write you  
confidentially & as you use to know me when  
I was quite young you would appreciate it you  
have no doubt heard of me by your Father often  
as he frequently calls in my office has wanted  
to claim to him &c - Referring to the Prof. I have  
known him to carry \$2000 for 2 & 3 Dollars  
which the St. Pauls use to get 10% for & such a  
matter, work is done for a great deal of share  
in any City or Town what is the amount that

5

My time is occupied most of the  
time & I can't run into Kurn  
House and away after Traveller  
but watch here close & do the best  
best I can for the Co—  
& am yours most truly &c

A. Macmillan

Parkinson July 12/91

Mr. Edison I enclose your  
Statement of Earnings last  
Six Months - we are doing quite  
as well as we can. Of late our  
Mighties are running two.  
Wagons are the time when  
take. Considerable from us  
we have paid quite a lot  
of old Bill & kept the Road  
in good Repair - we have  
not heard any thing from  
Oscarion. Little I wrote you  
some time ago. Yours truly  
A. Mamet



T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 31, 1878

Dear Sir

Dear Sir

You understand that Wm P Edison  
still continues to run opposition  
to the road, I have repeatedly  
complained to him of the injustice  
of running opposition to a road in  
which I am the largest stockholder  
but to this he replies that he must  
also, make a living. It does seem to  
me that this <sup>personal feeling</sup> ~~particular feeling~~ on the  
part of our people and this, has not  
nor never will pay. In my opinion  
the best thing is to buy him off  
completely by giving him a position  
that will at least give him  
a living & secure his services  
cooperation and stop all further  
trouble, what say you?

T A Edison



# MONTHLY STATEMENT OF PORT HURON RAILWAY.

For the Month ending, Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1878

DATE.		REMARKS.
<u>Aug 1</u>	Amount on hand <u>7492</u>	
	Passenger, Freight and Tickets, <u>73400</u>	
	Cartage, <u>10524</u>	
	Commission on Tickets, <u>9090</u>	
	Mail, <u>4468</u>	
	Other Sources, <u>1700</u>	
	<u>Real Estate</u> <u>20045</u>	<u>134021</u>
	DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:	
	Office Expenses, <u>1400</u>	
	Labor, <u>710</u>	
	Superintendent, <u>31590</u>	
	Horses, <u>3000</u>	
	Feed Account, <u>680</u>	
	Harness, <u>5298</u>	
	Car Requiring Account, <u>1000</u>	
	Truck, " " <u>740</u>	
	Incidental Expenses, <u>3080</u>	
	<u>Rent &amp; Groceries</u> <u>8000</u>	
	<u>Int of</u> <u>20735</u>	
	<u>Pol on hts</u> <u>21870</u>	
	" " Insurance <u>2500</u>	
	<u>Tr 10 bl air</u> <u>1350</u>	
	<u>Lfr Churnings</u> <u>1060</u>	
	<u>Laundry Bks of</u> <u>3228</u>	
	<u>Mr Howard</u> <u>2000</u>	
	<u>Cash on hand</u> <u>22944</u>	<u>107121</u>

*This sum was paid and without consulting  
Opposition &*

*A. Macdonald  
for P. H. Railway Co.*

*I. wrote you two or 3 letters for your answer on 11-12-78*

# MONTHLY STATEMENT OF PORT HURON RAILWAY.

For the Month ending, *Sept 30 1878*

DATE	REMARKS
Amount on hand, <i>13305 92 1/2</i>	
Passenger, Baggage and Tickets, <i>22947</i>	
Freight, <i>25624</i>	
Cartage, <i>13886</i>	
Commission on Tickets, <i>9665</i>	
Mail,	
Other Sources, <i>1600</i>	<i>7114013</i>
<b>DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:</b>	
Office Expenses, <i>555</i>	
Labor, <i>25624</i>	
Superintendent, <i>2400</i>	
Horses, <i>Shoring of</i> <i>1263</i>	
Feed Account, <i>1858</i>	
Harness " <i>1190</i>	
Car Repairing Account,	
Truck " <i>3772</i>	
Incidental Expenses, <i>3225</i>	
<i>At High bal old of</i> <i>4960</i>	
<i>At Howland on of</i> <i>2500</i>	
<i>J. Carlton Co a "</i> <i>1347</i>	
<i>Int Bal Station note</i> <i>5817</i>	
<i>" Savings Bank</i> <i>3100</i>	
<i>Real Insurance</i> <i>4530</i>	
<i>Int of</i> <i>3000</i>	
<i>Int Bal</i> <i>44800</i>	<i>7114013</i>
<i>A. Mamula</i>	

*Approved for the month*

Office of J. & J. S. Symington,

TAILORING, DRY GOODS, AND  
CARPET WAREHOUSE,

Carroll, 20 Oct 1878  
Chas. Edison Esq  
D.C.

The patent on loom  
became due in Sept  
1877 and \$5000 was paid  
to Mr. Edison who has not yet been  
paid kindly remit amt.  
and oblige

Yours truly  
J. & J. S. Symington

Hand closed  
Nov 2. 78

Tanna Ont

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 78

Symington

Sent check no 2 \$19.00

Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 78

wrote again for acknowledgment  
of receipt of check

**MONTHLY STATEMENT OF**  
**PORT HURON RAILWAY.**

For the Month ending, *Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1878*

DATE.	REMARKS.
Amount on hand,	48852
<i>34505 9825 10650</i> Passenger, Baggage and Tickets,	58830
Cuttings,	9308
Commission on Tickets,	10310
Mail, <i>G. F. B.</i>	8750
Other Sources,	<u>136050</u>
<b>DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:</b>	
Office Expenses,	1058
Labor,	24679
Superintendent,	2400
Horses <i>stable horse 1/2</i>	3705
Fuel Account,	11087
Harness "	50
Car Repairing Account,	985
Truck " "	26877
Incidental Expenses,	2985
<i>Balance forward of</i>	<i>9000</i>
<i>Car</i>	<i>1570</i>
<i>on hand</i>	<i>51724 136050</i>
<i>A. J. Marshall</i>	

Office of J. & J. S. Symington,

TAILORING, DRY GOODS, AND  
CARPET WAREHOUSE,

Given, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 1878  
La Edison of  
Dr. Cr.

Your Cheque was  
duely recd., and acknow-  
-ledged same day and pr  
velket accept w's best  
thanks

truly y<sup>r</sup>s  
J. & J. S. Symington

# MONTHLY STATEMENT OF PORT HURON RAILWAY.

For the Month ending, *November 30<sup>th</sup> 1870* (578)

DATE.	REMARKS.
Amount on hand, <i>349.35 17.70 13.25</i>	<i>57.24</i>
Passenger, Freight and Tickets, <i>3</i>	<i>526.30</i>
Carriage, <i>Collected</i>	<i>43.13</i>
Commission on Tickets,	<i>115.70</i>
Mail, <i>Col. Ford</i>	<i>25.00</i> <i>6</i>
Other Sources, <i>Leatre</i>	<i>19.25</i> <i>1246.30</i>
<b>DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:</b>	
Office Expenses,	<i>11.40</i>
Labor,	<i>324.05</i> <i>(5 weeks in this</i>
Superintendent,	<i>30.00</i> <i>"</i>
Horses, <i>Spring</i>	<i>10.00</i>
Feed Account,	<i>45.38</i>
Harness "	<i>21.90</i> <i>(barn place 1 barrel</i>
Car Repairing Account,	<i>48.89</i> <i>(then wagon horse accident)</i>
Truck " " <i>Labor</i>	<i>55.30</i>
Incidental Expenses,	<i>39.06</i>
<i>New bag waggon</i>	<i>9.50</i>
<i>Wagon</i>	<i>38.85</i>
<i>Turnip &amp; Wagon</i>	<i>22.50</i> <i>6</i>
<i>Cost on haul</i>	<i>26.89</i> <i>1246.30</i>
<p><i>I heard you were sick some time          Apr how are you now          Affectionate mother but then          Yours &amp;c W. M. M. M. M.</i></p>	

# MONTHLY STATEMENT OF PORT HURON RAILWAY.

For the Month ending, *December 31, 1878*

DATE.

REMARKS.

Amount on hand,	<i>287 89</i>	
<del>286 35</del> <i>60.50</i> <i>148.25</i>		
Passenger, Baggage and Tickets,	<i>495 75</i>	
Cartage, <i>Chel</i>	<i>110 65</i>	
Commission on Tickets,	<i>99 18</i>	
Mall, <i>88 14 94</i>	<i>25 00</i>	
Other Sources,	<i>60 47</i>	<i>1104 80</i>
<b>DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS.</b>		
Office Expenses,	<i>24 53</i>	<i>includes 32m Coal</i>
Labor,	<i>268 99</i>	
Superintendent,	<i>24 00</i>	
Horses, <i>Shoring</i>	<i>32 78</i>	<i>includes part of <sup>sup</sup> Post Price</i>
Fuel Account,	<i>252 25</i>	<i>(100 Bush Corn and haul between other fuel)</i>
<del>Trunk</del> " <i>Porter</i>	<i>30 00</i>	
Car Repairing Account,	<i>14 78</i>	
Truck " "	<i>114 78</i>	<i>includes 83 50 Oil Rowan (Gos)</i>
Incidental Expenses,	<i>35 71</i>	
<i>Int to Saw Bands</i>	<i>31 00</i>	
<i>on hand</i>	<i>261 78</i>	
<i>Acct of</i>	<i>11 25</i>	<i>1104 80</i>

*A. J. Marshall*



## HURON HOUSE,

HURON AVENUE,

W. AMES, PROPRIETOR.

Telegraph and Ticket Office in Connection with House.

"Good Human, Mich., ..... 187

Dear Sir

The name of Symington  
Swynn is James Lister after I  
got your letter I set my lawyers Mess  
Purdee & Gorney to work to see what  
he could do with the Symingtons and  
what they would give for the Some Note and  
give up the note and settle up all differences  
between me and them I have not see them  
since but they are the most reliable  
firm there in in Iowa as Sawyers  
I will probably hear from them in a few  
days and will advise you what the  
result is there is no other Sawyers in  
Iowa that I would trust but Messrs  
Purdee is a Member of Parliament and a  
safe man and should be trustworthy

for us to have any Sowses that are  
the only ones that I would trust  
over there

now about the Pump  
I think you had better have a pair  
of well broke Pump horses that is  
use to the road and gentle drivers  
I could pick you up a pair of good  
ones but will want a little time to  
look them up I imagine that you  
want a pair that is a little

stylish and good drivers and  
not afraid of the Cons as you use  
them close by the R.R. I will see  
what I can buy in that line and  
let you know

I suppose you must  
be on your toes night and day by what  
I see in all the papers for they are  
full of you Phonograph deluge &c  
I have not seen a paper in a month  
that is not full of articles about  
you

Yours WRE

1878. Tasimeter (D-78-035)

Correspondence, essays, some by Edison.

Not selected: duplicate copy of essay.

Worcester, A.T.  
June 10 1878

My dear Sir

I have been experimenting pretty successfully with your heat measure, but do not yet get quite all we want out of it. We have got up an arrangement

which I show. S.S. is a strip of brass  $\frac{1}{8}$  in thick,  $\frac{1}{4}$  in wide. M. is a piece of brass band soldered into place, through it runs the pressure screw - a fine bolt on.

At the other end is a hard rubber piece R with a little cavity turned out of the top. About  $\frac{1}{8}$  in thick,  $\frac{1}{4}$  in diameter by  $\frac{1}{16}$  in deep - a platinum wire with a



live on top goes through the hard  
rubber reaching to the outside. <sup>inside</sup>  
the cavity we filled in a <sup>small</sup> ~~small~~  
or no pressure with kerose-oil.  
lamp black, a platinum disc with a  
brass bearing piece fits on top of the hard  
rubber pressure piece goes in as shown.

The sketch being about full size.  
The thing works fairly - but the  
button is not sensitive enough -  
Under slight pressure its resistance  
is gone. At downward strain, I've  
seen squeeze it down to about 50,  
but that is nearly the lowest we  
can get without crushing it.

Now we would like very much  
to try one or two of your buttons  
in the apparatus, if you could  
fit up a couple with thin arma-  
tures in little hand made capsules  
which we could fit into our ap-  
paratus it would lay us under  
great obligations - I think in that  
form they could be easily sent

by express - Of course we should  
be ready to pay any expense  
besides being greatly obliged for  
your kindness in letting us use your  
invention in our investigation.

Through you also to renew our  
invitation that you would  
come & see us to what we are  
doing by way of preparation for  
the summer.

Yours very sincerely  
Wm. Young



S. A. Edison Esq.,

Manhattan Park, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Dr. J. P. Quaker a prominent physician has requested me to write you relative to applying the Carbon thermo-indicator to physicians use. He says the present thermometers are so sluggish compared to your arrangement that you can make some thing of very great value in detecting disease & its changes. A means for determining the temperature of the body is of the utmost importance in the diagnosis of disease. I think you cannot do more kind a greater boon than to make an advertisement and present it to the world. Why should you not be generous also right?

Respectfully

Geo. W. Edison

Send you couple  
Ch. paper of today.



Chicago June 15<sup>th</sup> 1878

A. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir:

I inclose a letter from Dr. Secker  
about the best detector for the human  
body. Hope you will do something in  
this important matter and let the Volta  
Electric have it to use in their Medical  
Circuit as it ought to earn you quite a  
little sum of money. Please drop me a line  
about this.

Respectfully

Geo. W. Noble

[ENCLOSURE]

*Thermometer*

OFFICE OF  
DR. JAMES I. TUCKER,  
50 DOUGLAS PLACE.

Chicago, June 15, 1878.

Dear Mr. Bliss,

I wish I had had more time to speak with you upon the subject which was the theme of a brief conversation this P.M. at the ~~Wm~~ Palmer House, but I had to hurry home. You know that the thermometer is an important instrument in determining the temperature of the human body in different physiological & pathological conditions. But the thermometer is a very crude instrument for this purpose. Nevertheless you will find by consulting modern medical literature that the thermometer figures largely as a diagnostic agent and the physician who is magnanimous with thermometry in disease is not "up to the times." It occurred to me very early after the suggestion of Edison that the thermometer would be superseded & vitiated by Edison's apparatus for determining delicate shades of temperature. Please say to Mr. Edison if you told me you would write him very soon in your next communication that he can be of immense service to the medical profession (thence to humanity) by applying his particular <sup>heat measuring</sup> ~~thermometer~~ to the needs of medical diagnosis.

In haste your friend  
James I. Tucker



OFFICE OF THE

*Scientific American,*

MUNN & CO., Editors and Proprietors.

No. 37 Park Row,

O. D. MUNN,  
A. E. BEACH,

New York, June 18 1878

S. L. Griffin  
Dear Sir,

Referring to your relation  
to Election we can supply any shot you want.

Yours Truly

Munn & Co.

Thos. Munn & Co.

Ans 2  
June 18, 78  
Mumma & Co  
Sent for 6 cts  
of each Twinmills



220 to 232 KINZIE ST.

Chicago, June 17, 1874.

A. A. Edison Esq.

Marble Park, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Yours about the number of physicians  
was at hand.

You ought to make a practical experiment  
to the good of humanity.

A few things of that character will do  
more to give you pure food which will  
last than a dozen ordinary invocations  
need for money.

Nothing needed about my exception  
you know.

Respectfully

Geo. W. Bliss

January 1st 1898

You can do all you require  
the delivery is in 8 & depends  
on merits I have sent one  
to Browning who will make

them of any design requires  
to begin with for instance with 7 cells gravity battery  
Thomson, gold with scale stops 1/2 inches long  
the diff is several inches with best of kind  
no built photo from 1885 etc etc

and 1898  
John A. Edison  
St. Louis, Mo.  
1898

Stuttgart Württemberg  
July 11th 1898

Mr. Thos. A. Edison,  
Windsor Park N.Y.

"Dear Sir, I have read with  
the greatest interest accounts of your  
Phonograph, Microphone and the heat  
measures you have constructed for  
Professor Langley, of the latter appar-  
atus I have very indifferently read  
as the newspaper reports which have  
reached me were not clear. But it  
seems to me, that the instrument may  
be used as a measure of small quan-  
tities of heat coming from other causes  
and on this point I should like your  
opinion, I am thinking of commu-  
nizing a series of experiments on the  
conductivity of heat in fluids and  
and a finer thermometer than any which  
physicists at present possess. Science  
alone in this direction has not advanced  
very far simply for want of such

a measure. It gratifies me to know that an American has given to Science an instrument of research as delicate and at the same time as important.

The case which I have in hand is this: I wish to measure the conductivity of heat in solutions of analysed salts, eg. the chlorides of Potassium, Potassium, Lithium &c. the Nitrate of the same metals are as on the object being to detect any possible relation existing between molecular structure and conducting power for heat. You see an exceedingly delicate apparatus is here required, for while the heat transmits through a solution of one of the above named salts is manifestly a very small amount that transmitted through ~~cellulose~~ can be but imperfectly investigated.

I have conversed with several gentlemen here - among them Professor Luther Meyer and P. Du Bois Raymond - on the subject of the heat measure and they express, that if we may have <sup>the will</sup> successfully overcome the difficulty.

It may be proper for me to state that I am an American and having finished the course in the University of Reading, I am at present working in the Laboratory of the University of Padua. I may perhaps take the liberty of referring also to Professor Langley whom I have had the pleasure of meeting several times in Pittsburgh. I should be much pleased to introduce your instrument among the German Chemists - not after the English manner, however - or at any rate to hear from you that it can be applied in chemical work.

An answer from you would be considered a great favor.

I am

Most respectfully,

John H. Long.

To Thos. A. Edison  
Mendota Park.

over my head on this. SEP

T. A. EDISON.

July 6 1877  
Menlo Park, N. J.

Griff send this:-

H. B. Wfg. Co

~~Patterns of barometer sent~~  
~~today drawings and instructions by~~  
~~mail Thursday~~

Barometer pattern  
sent today instructions by mail  
Sunday

Ratchela.

Kind regards

Wm. T. E. Co. 249 to this price, section  
John Washington  
New York City  
July 14<sup>th</sup> 1840.

Dear Sir

My friend, Capt<sup>l</sup> John  
C. Symmes, U. S. Army (Retired -)  
sends to me the enclosed letter for  
you, asking me to forward same to  
you, as he knows not your address.

The letter asks the price of  
a machine, which Capt<sup>l</sup> Symmes  
wants for use in cutting, for ascer-  
taining the heat of fired steel.

Will you be so kind, if you  
have such a machine, to drop a  
line to me, in enclosed envelope,  
telling me whether you can furnish  
such, and the price of it. If  
so doing you will oblige

Yrs respectfully  
John H. Mason.

Editor, &c.  
203 Broadway

Heaven

Humburg v. S. Hohen  
Germany. July 2<sup>d</sup> 98

Mr. Edison

My dear Sir:

I write you in business, of my own, & therefore, shortly.

I am a Physician, and am studying, to the east, of "Matter". I graduated M.D. at West Point, 1847: and, <sup>then</sup> retired List. I am the foremost, in studies, of West Point's long list. I refer you to Lt. Kiell, "Commandant of Cadets", now, for confirmation. And I am to know the difference between the "beats" of certain Fixed Stars. I have heard that you are the happy inventor of a little machine for answering just that. Now how much will the ~~best~~ cheapest one cost? (I am retired!)

Please answer me this: my old & best friend - who sends you this - "Mr. John Warren Esq. Fort Washington Heights, N. Y. city." If it is worth \$50, please send him it as soon as you are sent, by him, the money. If more, please



[ENCLOSURE]

Let me know, and I will see if I can arrange without it, or if I  
must have it.

I hope, Sunday, to be able to shake your hand heartily, for  
the good you've done as - poor bewitched Americans! A German Amer-  
-ican told me last Sunday - he lives in the nice Frankfurt H. - "When any-  
-thing goes, or 'cute, is shown, every one ~~says~~ says 'Why, that must be Amer-  
-ican!!' So it goes! And I am of the best too! of you & they too - only I  
am of Ky. I am the 'champion' French-landin' favorite of N. E., even in '58.  
"an foughten field!" In "Scientific American", of May or June '58.

May I hope to hear from you soon, satisfactorily - otherwise  
I fear I must go begging the "British dominion" of Lord Rosse's great  
Reflector.

With the highest respect for brains,

I am Sir, respectfully,

Jos. Cleves Lyman

Capt. U.S. Army.

Rawson mps 27  
official

All is ready for the eclipse.  
The astronomers at this point  
worked today incessantly each  
rehearsing his part. A clear  
sky favored them and the  
results portend success. Every  
attention points to <sup>good</sup> ~~fine~~ weather  
during the precious two and one  
half minutes of totality. ~~Dr.~~  
<sup>his</sup> ~~Drafts of the Committee of~~ ~~the~~ ~~arrangement~~  
both larger and smaller telescopes

Eclipses prove man's  
light comes from reflection from  
the Sun. The absence of  
primary noticeable - Differs  
from this light in that  
reflect.

First light comes from  
Moon -

Light comes from  
Moon -

Light comes from  
Moon -

CATTLE BRAND,  
W

ED. GORDON & CO.

Gordon's Ranch.

WIDE MARK,  
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4 lbs of Corn 4 ~~quarters~~ 2 of feed  
of Corn showing it to be sustenance  
Corn can continue the  
to represent a term. Edition  
limit. For record of  
Pheat  
the price of Corn can  
For more, very cheap & full of data.

Land Book,

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

ST. LOUIS,

(Aug. 20) 1875

1875

The Tasimeter

Optical variation of resistance  
by pressure in lamp black.

Describe construction of the  
Tasimeter as used for light.

Use of Tasimeter in the Eclipse.

Marker Eclipse Observations.

Arrangement of the Tasimeter  
in circuit.

Method of adjustment.

Attachment of tasimeter  
to the telescope.

Results:

With Arcature.

With the Corona. Con-  
clusions drawn from them.

Rita Pa.  
Sept 2, 1878

My dear Sir:

Being interested in observations of the Variable Star Algol, I desire to ask if your tachometer might be attached to my telescope with any good hope of its revealing the minute changes in the degree of light from that star. You may recollect that the light of Algol varies about 35 per cent within a very few hours. It is ordinarily a star of 3-4 mags.

What would be the probable expense of the attachment, if feasible?

Yours respectfully

W. Curtis Taylor

Wentworth's Target  
no. 1875

Philadelphia  
Sept 5, 1878

Dear Sir:

Yours of yesterday recd. I  
am not familiar with the use of the apparatus  
you have required for tasimetric observations,  
but being much interested in the phenomena  
of the variable stars would be delighted to have  
an opportunity to witness some of your experi-  
ments with stellar light radiations.

There is a ~~rather~~ <sup>but little explored</sup> ~~periodic~~ <sup>periodicity</sup> in  
the times of Algol's minima, showing that its  
time of variation is itself variable; and it becomes  
very desirable, to attach these spots with a nicety  
not permitted by bare eye comparisons of the light.  
Could he discover the law of <sup>return of</sup> the minute changes  
in Algol's brilliancy, it would do much toward  
settling the question of their cause. For example

the interference of an opaque body and its size relatively to the star, possibly even an approximation to the inclination of its orbit, could be determined upon knowing the precise degree and order of the stellar fluctuations. It would be a great matter merely to demonstrate the existence of a non-luminous body sufficiently vast to obscure the light of the star it attends.

Excuse this encroachment upon your time, but I have hoped thereby to give its undue reason for my former inquiry as to excite your own interest in this particular. I have considered the applicability of Mr. Barker's Radiometer to these investigations but I find it is not nearly sensitive enough. I had some talk with Prof. Barker on this matter a year or two ago.

Yours sincerely W. Curtis Taylor



Phil<sup>a</sup> 7<sup>5</sup>pm  
Wm Lewis Taylor  
penn Sept 10. 78

Philadelphia  
Sept<sup>a</sup> 7, 1878

Dear Sir:

Your favor of yesterday rec'd and noted. I understand, or at least can guess at, your preoccupations, and only write now to say that should the time come when every thing is ready for your experiments with the Prismata in daylight, and heliograph, if lacking, I would gladly furnish mine in such a Cause and let it remain with you a month or two. It is, for its size, a very fine one of 4 1/2 in

Aperture and as the focal length is but  
64 in. it gives a great deal of light for  
a portable telescope.

Very respectfully

Wm. Austin Taylor

Office of  
Albion Company,

17 Exchange Street, P. O. Lock Box 241.

Providence, R. I. 7<sup>th</sup> mo. 7<sup>th</sup> 1878

Respected Friends:

Thomas A Edison

Having seen accounts  
of thy instrument (Sacamoto) for  
measuring heat I am very desirous  
of having the benefit of it in some  
investigations I am making on  
the matter of friction. Will thou be  
kind enough to inform me how  
I can learn its construction and if  
I may be allowed to use it provided  
it is patented and upon what terms  
I enclose Envelope

Very Respectfully  
Jonathan Chase

Chicago - Sept 12, '78  
#19 - 28 1/2 sh.

Wm A Edison Esq,

Dear Sir,

In the "Physical Physiological Researches on the  
Dynamic of Magnetism, Electricity &c" by (Reichenbach, Translation by  
Arthur von London S/1, (Baillière 219, South St London & 159 N. York St N.Y.)  
p. 27. it is claimed that an ignited silver plate subjected to influence  
of an open magnet in darkness when taken out in darkness and  
exposed to mercurial vapor, exhibited the full effect of the light which  
it had received, over the entire surface. It was clear from this that  
unless other causes are capable of affecting the photographic plate after  
considerable time, it, in fact, must be light real, though weak and acting  
not loudly which issues from the magnet.

Again p. 28. "The magnetic light emitted no heat; at least none  
appreciable by our most delicate instruments. Directed on to a Nobili's  
Thermoscope, I could not detect any movement of the astatic needle  
of the differential galvanometer, even after a lengthened trial."

It has occurred to me that here might be a test for the  
'fascimeter'. Upon advising with my friend Prof Colburn, I have  
ventured to call your attention to the matter, with the thought that

you may possibly consider it of sufficient importance to give it attention. The considerations may be suggestive to your mind for investigation as to the general properties of magnets and crystals, and the true nature of light -

Yours most truly

Бухарин

Ein Mann, der sich nicht  
auf die Erde beschränkt  
sondern in die Luft steigt.

Chicago letter to  
Geo Thomas  
44455442698

Homburg Sept 14, 78  
Capt John C. Spencer  
Amst Sept 23 78

Homburg v. S. Höhe  
Germany 14. 9. 78

Mr. Edison

My dear Sir!

as, thus, my dear friend,  
John Haven Egan of Fort Washington  
Highth, N. Y. City, I get your ad-  
dress, with your letter, so I shoot at you  
— plump! And being the "Champion" of  
American Breech-loading Inventions, &  
shooters — now in '58 — I hope to "make  
the Bull's eye."

In the first place, let me give  
you my congratulations, heartily, for  
your numerous and useful inventions.  
They (inventions) are Our "forts": you are  
No 1, now — as I was, in my cadet class  
of '47. I am nearly twice your age, but  
I "nail my coat (how) to you."

I thought I would not write to you,  
having seen your wrangle with Mr. Haggen.

But as ~~we~~ we are not on the same track, as cannot collect. It is a matter of your favor, only, that I will ask of you now.

I have "theorized" that there are at least six - perhaps more - of such hot stars (invisible, as "Thermy" says to me) surrounding the earth; at about  $90^{\circ}$  - if more than six, then at less - angle from each other; the greater 2, being near the South Pole & North Pole respectively. Is that true, by your Tasimeter? If you will answer that, I - a retired Captain, with wife & two boys - will be spared the "50 or 60¢" for a Tasimeter. (Of course you cannot see the South Pole heat - given from Mount Peak.)

Prof. Tyndall set me off in this direction; somewhere in the "60's" from the roof of the Royal Institution he turned his sublimated thermometer on the full moon, & noted the Galvanometer there he turned it upon a blank space in the heavens, & noted again. It told him that the Moon-at-fell was colder than space; that is, than  $-50^{\circ}$ . He told the public, just what his instrument told him - but was "knocked <sup>all</sup> of a heap" by it. And now you with your Tasimeter, and I with my Thermy - both American - will smooth out the Royal English Philosophy to a reasonable plane, again, I hope, soon.

I hope you will be so kind as to write me & tell me the calulation (on the absolute - for there I can find the "relative" myself) positions of all such points which your Tasimeter has <sup>to</sup> - on shall tell you of, and also the relative intensities of their heat? Please do so!

Thermy has been my "speciality", ever since I was turned out of the Army, in ~~the~~ Nov. 1, '61.

I wrote Lord Rosse's Professor, on 11. 7. 75, for these knowledges - but was unanswered. I cultivated the acquaintance of Lord Rie's wife - Lady Rosse - but, alas, in vain to get (I <sup>thought</sup> her note of introduction, but if you will be so kind as to answer these questions, I shall not need it, & gladly!

Most Respectfully, my dear Sir! Geo. Chas. Lyman  
Capt. U.S. Army.

OFFICE OF THE

*Scientific American,*

MUNN & CO., Editors and Proprietors.

No. 37 Park Row,

O. S. Munn,  
& Co.,

*New York, Nov. 24. 1878*

*Prof. T. A. Edison*

*Dear Sir,*

*Can you loan us  
the cuts of your new Micro-Tasimeter?*

*Respy yours*

*m/c*





# Indiana Asbury University, Greencastle, Ind.

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Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1875

My Dear Sir:-

I wish to ask whether you have turned your telescope towards the planets Jupiter and Saturn? I suspect that said planets are not hot bodies, as suggested by Prof. Proctor, but that the only heat which they may be found to send earthward, is derived from the sun, and comes "second hand" of reflection from their cloud like envelopes -

The determination of that question is one of great importance, at this time, as will be seen in the sequel - If you have not yet tested these planets, - Jupiter especially - will you have the kindness - "for the sake of science" - to make the test, as soon as convenient, and send me the result, and your conclusions -

"Edison" Mendenhall.

Very respectfully yours,  
Joseph Tindley

T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J.,

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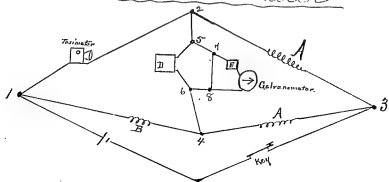
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Directions for setting up and adjusting  
The Tachimeter



To set up the instrument the following method is used. The Galvanometer giving the best results is Thomson's low resistance reflecting. A resistance  $E$  of 2 ohms is placed in the same wire. Across the ends of this resistance a short wire is placed almost completely short-circuiting the Galvanometer. A second resistance coil  $D$  plugged to no resistance is also placed around the galvanometer between the points  $500$  and  $1000$ . The Tascimeter in one branch of a bridge having 10 ohms in  $A$  and 20 ohms in  $B$ . The battery is connected through a key. One cell at a time being used at first. The spot of light from the Galvanometer being brought to the zero point the

Galvanometer being as sensitive as possible the key is touched shortly and lightly as possible in order to make a contact. The spot should then be made to start to the left by the proper placing of the wires on the galvanometer. Then change the resistance in B to 3 ohms. Touch the key, if the spot travels to the right, turn the screw of the Tasimeter to the left. If to the left turn it to the right. As a balance is obtained the spot may be thought of as attached to the screw. After the spot remains on the scale when the key is closed continually, the circuit breaker on the key may be closed. The spot should then be brought as near to zero as possible and the plugs taken out of II and the spot kept at zero. Then the plugs may be put back in II and the wire between F & G removed. Again the plugs may be removed from II and afterwards put in E. If great delicacy is required two or three calland coils may be put on the circuit. Then the rest of the hand will plainly be shown from a distance of 30 feet. The Tasimeter may be placed in a case of tin having two air spaces filled with hair. The screw may be turned by a wooden rod reaching through the case.

Micro-thermo-meter      Extasimeter  
Micro-thermo-scope  
Thermo-micro-meter  
Thermo-micro-scope

Carbo-electro-thermopile  
Carbon Electrothermopile

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Electro-synthe-meter  
sugar

Carbon Electrothermometer

1878. Telegraph - General (D-78-036)

Correspondence, some by Edison; memoranda, agreements, accounts, bills, receipts.

Not selected: duplicate copies of correspondence.

T.A.E

My Larry 4/78

When will you bring -  
Lunch to say you are to  
English affairs -  
We counsel for S.F.K. has called  
upon me + stated he had sent  
a letter to see you  
I also have a letter myself from  
S.F.K. -  
Yours J.C.R.

J. C. REIFF,

No. 52 BROADWAY,

New York, Larry 5th 1878

Edison.

When you desire anything  
done, you expect everyone to run jump  
Nothing so easily can satisfy your  
impatience, but my dear fellow you forget  
that when any part is due to myself  
it is of all unpleasant, you delay  
in what I am doing -

If you don't desire I had the  
milk against A.P.C. & Domestic,  
either now, and showed him it -  
He cannot push them when he is  
Compelled back from of them as to  
delay on your side -

He has been writing telegraphing  
you - you have been in town. I hear  
that you have neither called upon  
him or me.

Sometimes there are joint duties and  
responsibilities -  
Yours J.C.Reiff



Articles of Agreement additional to  
the agreement between Thomas Alva Edison,  
George Bartlett Prescott, and Gerritt Smith,  
dated May 31<sup>st</sup> 1877. relative to English Patents  
N<sup>o</sup> 384 dated February 2<sup>d</sup> 1875. and N<sup>o</sup> 197 dated  
Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 1877.

For the convenience of transacting the  
business connected with the before mentioned  
agreement, and to the end that the various  
interests of the parties thereto shall be vested  
in trust, in a suitable Trustee who is not  
personally interested therein, the entire rights  
in the Letters Patent named, have this day  
been assigned to William Orton, and he,  
having and claiming no personal interest of  
any kind therein, hereby accepts and holds  
the same in trust for the other parties to  
the said agreement in the proportions therein  
named, and he agrees to carry out the di-  
rections of the parties in interest according  
to the terms of the before mentioned agree-  
ment.

In Witness whereof the parties to these  
presents have set their signatures and  
seals this twelfth day of January 1878.

Signed and Sealed in  
the presence of  
W. W. Schmitt  
Thomas A. Edison  
George B. Prescott  
Gerritt Smith

Thomas Edison Jan 14 1878

Call at the office  
tomorrow afternoon without  
fail and oblige  
George Morris  
206 Broadway  
Room 99  
Ch. N.

Jan'y 16 1878  
Thomas A. Edison Esq  
Dear Sir

to-morrow we have got to serve  
the reply in the Domestic suit and  
got to put them on the Calendar.  
George Harris  
200 Broadway  
N.Y.

Office of Foster & Thomson,

(Attorneys & Counsellors at Law)

69 WALL STREET

P.O. BOX 1354.

New York Jan 18 1878

Thomas A Edison Esq  
Mento Park  
New Jersey

Dear Sir

You will remember that  
sometime since we applied to  
you in behalf of Messrs Fleming &  
Puleston for execution of an assign-  
ment of Patent to them, to which  
they consider themselves entitled  
under agreement made Sept 2  
1873 Between yourself, Messrs  
Harrington and Reiff, Messrs Smith

Fleming & Co. and Messrs Fleming and  
Puleston, Trustees, in which contract  
it is provided that the Trustees are  
to receive transfer of certain  
"inventions, patent rights and  
"privileges as well British as Foreign  
"and as well existing as future &c  
be communicated to our clients  
the fact of your desiring to ex-  
-cuse the instrument, but we  
also think it desirable in their  
behalf to write you cautioning  
against your signing any instru-  
-ment or instruments which  
might be claimed by others to  
affect the letters patent or other

rights claimed by our clients, as such  
course pending the claim so made  
would only tend to complicate  
and trouble or might prove very  
injurious and ground for large  
damages or other remedy -

We think in view of the contract  
so held by our contract clients  
it might be desirable that we  
have a personal interview and  
we would be obliged if you  
will kindly call in upon us  
when you may find a few  
moments of opportunity.

It appears to us that it would be  
quite unfortunate if the European

patents should get into complication  
and litigation, and that such  
result would be quite prejudi-  
-cial to your interests.

Yours truly

John Thomson

John Thomson  
June 18 76  
Cincinnati

GEORGE MORRIS,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
104 N. 10th Street, N.Y.

NEW YORK,

1878

Recd from J. A. Edison twenty  
three dollars fees in case of  
J. A. Edison vs The Domestic Tel  
Co.

George Morris

J. C. R. # 3

W. J. C. R. # 3

Yours of 20th instant - placed in my hands just as I am about leaving my office here about a fortnight.

As an evidence of the correctness of your assumption, and of the sincerity of my previous statement that this Company desire to test every alleged improvement in Filigrahy, I will say that we have just completed at considerable Expense the most perfect automatic apparatus (at least it is alleged to be) that has ever been made which has been constructed under the immediate supervision of Mr. D. H. Craig, and Messrs. Foote & Runkle, and it is intended to make with this apparatus a thorough test of automatic Filigrahy upon the plan of the gentlemen above named. Now it is possible, and indeed quite probable that this test may serve for that which you suggest. But at all events, it will hardly be practicable for us to carry on two sets of tests at the same time; and therefore, without expressing any opinion as to which of the two I deemed to be expedient for us to take up first, we are compelled to postpone yours, because of the



obligation we are under to first  
elucidate the other.

Very truly Yours  
(Signed) Wm. H. H. H.

My dear Sir,

I send you the foregoing  
own information. I have said not a word  
barring no about the correspondence.  
The Council want to keep your eyes open.  
Do you think you have been quite as  
beyond usual vigilance in letting D.C.  
& J.P. get much hold, when we had  
such fearful interests at stake.

I remember I told you many  
months ago this was going on, but you did  
not lay much stress upon it.  
There you have much power & feel these  
it, you certainly don't trust yourself, &  
cannot overcome such obstacles  
alone.

Should I tell you -  
then can I do so?

Yours  
J. H.

Confidential

N.Y. Jan'y 28/78

My dear S.A.E.

I am persuaded that  
about all you will get from me  
for your current efforts, will be the "100"  
for work -

Even if O feels kindly personally, he will  
gladly await of every assault made by  
Thatcher, Prescott, Ashley, Ash, Smith & Co. & Little  
your claims -

Recollect you make a fatal mistake  
in bringing on any partially completed  
thing - they simply tear it to pieces  
& experiment upon you.

The simple furnished brain for them  
& they are your intellectual property unless  
you fill their pockets without consideration.  
I want you serious to remember that  
will be needed there you turn in on  
Automatic in every where including  
the Roman letter & get it afloat.

I have never asked to work for  
nothing, nor have I tried to profit at your expense.

a strong turn in the wheel behind is about \$  
to the place.

you have in your hands you have in your hands you have in your hands

J. C. REIFF.

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, Febry 12 1878

My Dear Edison I inclose copy  
of the S. F. & G. agreement.  
To show that the whole intent was  
to pay the experimental cost, only refer  
to last clause where S. F. & G. were  
to pay as much as \$3000 for them &  
if cost of Remain.  
Be careful of this copy as it is all  
I have —

Be clary what you do @ 188.  
An entire revolution is working &  
threatened — We may retire voluntarily  
seek other fields & pasture new.  
I think not do to ourselves — Can tell you  
more when I see you

J. C. R.

Received  
 1878  
 George Norris  
 July 12, 1878  
 in Saturday at  
 4 P.M. sharp time July 16  
 Truly  
 George Norris

OFFICE OF  
 Foster & Thomson  
 ATTORNEYS & COUNSELLORS AT LAW  
 69 WALL STREET.

P.O. BOX 1354.

New York, Feb 12 1878

Dear Sir

We duly received your  
 Note but are disappointed  
 at not having received  
 the visit we were led  
 by you to expect.

We will feel obliged if  
 you will inform us by  
 letter, what we expected  
 to hear from you orally,  
 to whom you executed  
 the assignment mentioned

by you. We suppose there  
 can be no secret about  
 a matter of so much  
 importance, and in  
 respect of which my  
 clients are so much  
 interested.

Yours truly  
 Foster & Thomson

J. R. Edison  
 60 West Park

GEORGE NORRIS,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
104 & 106 Broadway.

Edison

as

A. P. L. Co

NEW YORK,

July 16th 1878

Receipt from Thomas Edison  
Twenty-Dollars as per in  
above case

George Norris

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J. C. REIFF.

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, Feb 20th 1878

Dear

Your note read. I have made  
a hurried copy of my letter to S. H. Co.  
I feel assured you will fully approve it -  
I certainly have not been selfish in my  
language there aimed to credit, shield  
& benefit both your pocket & good name  
little man's place in Washington -

You know he can't write much & has been  
unable to go down, but shall do so, unless  
he returns within a few days -

I have prepared a lot of important  
questions for S. H. & submitted them to Morris  
You should review them & add to them -

I gather this one to help draw the  
affair out, which will be sent you.

A genuine effort has been made to break  
up the proslavery rump - that is what  
the Benedict Bill means <sup>as I see</sup> & represents -

There is going to be some of the present  
You are safer in your laboratory, until you  
can discern the course of the storm -

You are not suffering & can't afford to wait 9.13 P.M.  
see this or visit an office & D.A.C. may be used in unexpected

I am sure you will be very kind to send me a copy of the letter to S. H. Co. I am sure you will be very kind to send me a copy of the letter to S. H. Co. I am sure you will be very kind to send me a copy of the letter to S. H. Co.

J. C. REIFF.

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, July 12<sup>th</sup> 1878

Messrs. Smith, Plummer &amp; Co. London.

Dear Sirs,

Yours of recd.

has been kind to your spirit of co-operation and  
 confirmation. I am not a doubt that the present is not  
 sufficient for such negotiation and the P.O. Septant  
 will reimburse all previous outlay in addition  
 to some return for delay & disappointment.  
 Should you will now put your shoulder to the  
 wheel & will get out of the slough  
 in which I am in my poor school heavily debt  
 to you now.

The story in the Quadrangle was duly provided  
 to the appropriate  
 to this position I beg to state that he has constantly  
 felt he was not bound to include the Quadrangle  
 in his program arrangement, although I doubt  
 if the original program had been carried  
 out with the P.O. Septant, he must have made  
 a very favorable arrangement so that all his  
 intentions might have remained associated  
 together. There is a large amount of money

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have effort have started to of course  
 under any circumstances special  
 compensation would have been due.  
 I had no doubt I was included in the  
 contract with United States, but he raised  
 the question having secured himself  
 in making an agreement with the Board  
 (which really means the Western Union Board)  
 to have some compeller to incorporate  
 costly litigation against the Board  
 (how has certain one rights in  
 the honor do not in the slightest degree  
 affected my personal relations with the Board.  
 He has always fully recognized the moral  
 obligation. I had every effort to continue in  
 profiting for the general benefit of the  
 Foreign Patent, but has sympathized with me in  
 the feeling that you had abandoned me after  
 having failed to secure immediate  
 result.

J. C. Smith  
 Dec 29, 1898

However, we must all recognize the practical  
 situation - the practical is in the automatic  
 system and the improvement. I am convinced  
 constantly and of the P.D. Defiant results  
 adopted it and for this and some results  
 anticipated and compensation in future improvements.



J. C. REIFF.

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very happy the more French improvements by adaptation.  
 Chas. Rice addresses a letter to Dr. Wm. Thomson  
 & says you will doubtless expand & will  
 with any professional endorsement of the Automatic  
 system that his great name can give  
 more than a year since I sent a copy of  
 my correspondence with him, based on a personal  
 conversation with him here before leaving the  
 country after the Centennial.  
 As you will remark the authorities  
 must be quite aware that the only Quadruplex  
 system either here or in Europe is Edison's.  
 I understand Prof. Siemens lately needed  
 Edison to take the first inventor of a practical  
 Quadruplex.  
 But there is the complication with Prescott  
 Spencer. Laffuehead is readily affected and  
 because he has described nothing as yet of  
 special value in Quadruplex, that he may  
 have done in Duplex.  
 I have not much hope that circumstances  
 may so shape themselves as that harmony can be  
 brought about. I certainly shall leave no stone

J. C. REIFF.

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ing to fix the price through improvement by arbitration.  
 Upon this address a letter to Dr. Wm. Thomson  
 at Glasgow he will doubtless expand at once  
 with any professional endorsement of the Autonomic  
 system that the great name can give.

More than a year since I sent him copies of  
 my correspondence with him, based on a formal  
 communication with him here before leaving this  
 country after the Centennial.

As you will remark the R.C. authorities  
 must be quite aware that the only Quadriplex  
 that exists here or in Europe is Edison's,  
 and that understands Prof. Siemens lately, indeed  
 before the first exhibit of a practical  
 Quadriplex.

But there is the complication with Prescott.  
 Spencer Lathrop is readily appeased and  
 has said he has described nothing as yet of  
 special value in Quadriplex, that he may  
 have done in Duplex.  
 I should not unduly hope that circumstances  
 may so shape themselves as that Harrison can be  
 brought about. I certainly shall leave no stone

YANUARY 27, 1847

maintained, personally said in the result.  
 Under any circumstances, or should find up-  
 on factions obstruction from Edwison, although  
 he is now so involved legally with Prescott  
 & Smith, that he may be utterly helpless  
 for anything but let matters take care  
~~of themselves~~<sup>their course</sup>  
 assuming the position you do to bring  
 the former on friendly relations with  
 influential parties, you can certainly  
 avail of all your advantages.  
 The insertion in cost register is Edwison.  
 Smith is simply Prescott's aid & help  
 & practically, whilst in debt of over  
 thousand dollars expenses, it is  
 Prescott a promising speculator.  
 In Prescott Smith I have no interest  
 but have every wish that Edwison  
 shall be fairly treated & properly  
 compensated of all morally necessary  
 nothing. There should be no horror, and for  
 all, even if the quadrupling itself should bring  
 no least benefit or its use by the public  
 can be utilized to more fully <sup>benefit</sup> ~~benefit~~

J. C. REIFF.

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negotiate the Automatic.

The Roman letter system can soon follow.  
 You shall happily be able to compromise  
 with Percott, so that legal & equitable claims  
 shall all be harmonized, so much the better.  
 Should the PO Deptd under the peace properly  
 apply the Automatic system, such additions would  
 soon follow by Edison, that they would wonder  
 why they ever tampered with either the Duplex  
 or Quadruplex, as applied to magnetic telegraphy.  
 The Quadruplex can be so applied to  
 Automatic, as to allow two continuous  
 streams of transmission at a high  
 rate of speed, possibly equally in practical  
 result 20 to 30 1st class Morse wires.

Respectfully,  
 Yours Obedt Servt.  
 J. C. Reiff

Mr. Deby 21/7/6  
(Robert Thomas T.)  
Z.A.E. It is reported that  
J. J. E. has been married  
sailed for Europe yesterday.  
Are the rats leaving the  
Sinking Ship?  
J.C.

2 Exchange Court

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26 Dec 1878

J. A. Soliman Esq

Dear Sir

My Bell says the  
B. 250 was admitted by them to  
be correct. And they would have  
paid it to me but they were  
informed by you that you had settled  
it. You gave them my rec. in  
full and a formal deed of  
release by me of all claims  
under my hand and seal.  
which they required on the neg-  
otiation between you & them.

The amount due by you to  
me is 700 & interest as you  
will see. With Mannerism  
Respectfully Yours truly

J. M. Ringgold

Mr Russell's Bill against The Domestic  
Telegraph Co. \$ 25

Mr Edmon proposed to pay it and  
collect the amount from the Co.  
Mr Edmon has paid Mr Russell  
on account \$ 25.

Mr Russell discounted on 24<sup>th</sup> June  
Edmon's Note for \$25 & dated it 6<sup>th</sup> 76  
payable six months after date  
and gave Mr Edmon 375 Cash

Mr Edmon is to pay balance of the  
Bill \$ 25, viz: 
$$\begin{array}{r} 75 \\ \underline{25} \\ 100 \end{array}$$

and balance at 7 per cent for the six  
months

And Mr Edmon endorsed the Note

R. Riccio's Note \$25	Pay to	375
To Riccio	Has R. 25	
		$\underline{350}$
		$\underline{250}$
		100

Out on <sup>1</sup> \$75 from 24<sup>th</sup> June 1875  
9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1876 \$ 7.48.

" \$100 from 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1876  
26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1878 100

\$ 17.48



NY Feby 26/98  
Clp to Phila the Eng  
in connection with the  
Protrus telegraph scheme  
JCR

NY Feby 27/98  
Have just ret'd -  
Had very satisfactory  
interview. My general plan  
that you saw in manuscript is  
fairly commented on.  
I spoke for you & myself as no actual.  
JCR

Office of Foster & Thompson,  
Attorneys & Counselors at Law,  
88 WALL STREET,  
New York.

P.O. BOX 1354.

New York, Feb 28, 1878

Dear Sir

Under the power  
of Attorney granted by  
you to Messrs Fleming  
and Paleston they have  
in your behalf executed  
and delivered an in-  
strument of which  
we herewith enclose  
you a copy

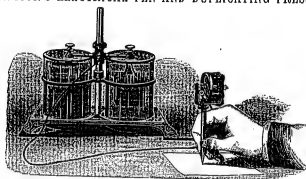
<sup>very much</sup>  
Please acknowledge of  
the same. It has been  
registered at the great  
Seal Patent office  
The Trustees were very  
carefully advised that  
the Patent fell within  
and was included in  
the terms of the Agree-  
ment before they ex-  
ecuted the agreement.

Yours truly

Foster & Thompson  
J. A. Edison Esq  
Menlo Park N.J.

# EDISON'S ELECTRICAL PEN AND DUPLICATING PRESS.

(Feb)



CHAS. RITCHIE, General Agent for Foreign Countries.  
P. O. Box 9207.

Copy

New York

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For the & Thomas Gents, There was no account about  
it. Several months ago I transferred the patent to  
Geo B Prescott Gerrit Smith & William Oster  
lastly. I have a small involvement in it but too  
small to worry over its loss. Considering that  
you forward have a valid contract (wherein  
I receive the consideration) for the Auto &  
~~Cable~~ system system & option on Cable  
& system that I understand now would be  
in advance of them time I think it  
will not pay them to set up the claim.  
They do rather give rise to bad feeling  
& prevent the perfection of these systems.

Yours truly  
T M Edison

file my rack off  
Please bring the S. 7. 76  
contract with you when  
you next come in from  
I have not heard from you  
lately  
J.C.R.

Dear Mr. file March 6. 1888  
Please call at my  
office to morrow morning  
before 12 M. We have  
to get ready to try your  
case -  
Wash truly  
George Norris

*Thomas A. Edison*

Whereas Thomas A. Edison  
of New York in the State of New  
Jersey and George B. Prescott of the  
City and County and State of New York  
have obtained Letters Patent of the  
Kingdom of Italy for certain improvements  
and inventions in Quadruplex Telegraphy  
which Letters Patent are numbered  
Vol. 4803.2940 and are owned by the  
said Thomas A. Edison and George  
B. Prescott, and whereas Andrea Fortiana  
of the City, County and State of New York  
is desirous of purchasing the said Letters  
Patent, and this agreement witnessed  
that the said Thomas A. Edison and  
George B. Prescott in consideration of  
the sum of one dollar paid to them the  
said Thomas A. Edison and George B.  
Prescott by the said Andrea Fortiana the  
receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged  
do hereby agree to sell assign transfer and  
deliver to the said Andrea Fortiana  
all their and each of their right title and  
interest of in and to the said Letters  
Patent issued to them the said Thomas  
A. Edison and George B. Prescott by  
the Italian Government for inventions in  
Quadruplex Telegraphy together with one

complete set of Quadryplex Apparatus  
for the sum of (Eleven) Thousand Dollars  
in American currency at any time that  
the said Andrew Fontana may demand  
the assignment of said Letters Patent  
and delivery of said set of Quadryplex  
Apparatus within six months from the  
date of this agreement; And if the said  
Fontana does not demand such assignment  
and offer the consideration therefor as  
above mentioned within six months from  
the date hereof then this agreement is  
to be null and void and of no effect  
whatsoever.

Dated New York July 9<sup>th</sup> 1877

Thos A Edison  
George B. Prescott  
Andrew Fontana

The time to perform the conditions of the  
above written contract is hereby extended  
to July first eight hundred and seventy  
eight.

Dated New York March 8<sup>th</sup> 1878

Thos A Edison  
George B. Prescott  
Andrew Fontana

~~Mr. J. A. Edison~~  
J. A. Edison

Newark March 8<sup>th</sup> 1878

J. A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir

The  
case of Gould against you  
is set down to be tried before  
the referee on Thursday of next  
week 14<sup>th</sup> inst at 10 A.M.  
Please be on hand with your  
books, papers witnesses &  
for trial at that time.

Come to my office first  
and we will go to the place  
together - Do not forget, it or  
they will take judgment against  
you & ally

A. Manners

240 Market St

GEORGE NORRIS,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
100 N 10th Street.

NEW YORK, March 9 1878

Thomas Edison Esq,

My Dear Sir

Please call at office  
to day so that we may know  
what we can give on  
your case - I had to adjourn  
your case yesterday because  
you did not come in when  
requested a week ago.

Most truly

George Norris



NY mch 11/98

The matter being presented by  
now must either be attended to  
or abandoned. I have done all I can.  
It cannot do more without facts  
which you alone can give.  
No work for you again on Thursday  
I sent note to W. M. Childs. Not a day, time  
is being lost. The party was compelled to make  
delay. This I think not so. J. C.

Hand & Post  
11/11/98

Newark March 12' 1898

Dear Sir Will you be on hand  
on Thursday <sup>(14th)</sup> by Ten O'clock  
Answer & oblige  
A. Manners

Newark March 13' 1898

Yours is at hand, in reply say I will postpone  
your cause if possible, but it has been  
postponed so long that I may as well  
be done any longer, I will do the best I can  
and if you ~~cannot~~ cannot give your  
matter proper attention, you must find  
fault with one of judgment goes against  
you - you

A. Manners  
240 Market St.

Hand & Post  
11/11/98

a Memo  
mar 14, 1878  
autograph

File auto

put down in book  
by ouled trial 25<sup>th</sup> march  
Sue-book & Witness

Newark March 14<sup>th</sup> 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir,

Your cause with Gould was called by the Referee this morning - You did not appear and the plaintiffs would not consent to an adjournment - But after a considerable of difficulty - I got the Referee to consent, to hear the evidence on the part of the plaintiffs and then to grant an adjournment, so as to give you an opportunity to prove your side of the case. This was done. The plaintiffs have now put in their evidence, and his witnesses have been cross-examined. The case ~~was~~ was then adjourned until Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of

March 1878 at 10. A.M. at which  
time it will be necessary for you  
to be here with your witnesses  
or else the ~~just~~ referee will then  
give judgment against you  
upon the evidence produced by  
the plaintiffs - The time to which  
it is adjourned will give you  
ample opportunity to get your  
witnesses ready, and if you do not  
put in appearance at that  
time it is no fault of mine.  
Remember March 25<sup>th</sup> 1878 at 10. A.  
M. Sharp. Let me hear from  
you relative thereto.

Respectfully Yours

A. C. Manners



J. C. REIFF.

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, McL 15th 1878

Dear Edison.

I saw Morgan.

He says if I have a proposition  
for compromise submit it in writing.  
I will therefore submit the paper.

Respectfully,  
J. C. Reiff

He don't exactly seem to comprehend  
clearly what it is. He said did not  
even understand the Proct  
claimed to Quad.

He (M) says they will soon be using a  
little thing that will displace Quadruplex.  
What is he referring to?

Are they doing anything with Craig  
for R Auto.

ascertain what is said to me.

I believe you have it in your power to  
get W. V. & take our Auto & everything  
if you would only put your foot down say  
it must be done. They are afraid of you &  
are constantly trying to cure you. whilst I  
sometimes think you are afraid of them instead  
of being absolutely independent of them <sup>now</sup>  
what are you doing with the telephone? & for

I have not yet been able  
to lay my hands on the  
Domestic of, but will find  
than I have to be more  
search for the same  
can find it, above, for the  
Europe and back in the last week

ny mch 19/78  
Dear Pat

Argument came on  
in Washington today & court  
granted order against Prescott  
as he is accomplice to KKK  
raiders. However, also caught  
O there 1st personal service  
upon him on 4/20/78.  
We will try to make it worse  
now, we will want to hear that  
but that is just money in court fees.

Dear Sir  
Please call at Office to  
Morrow March 21. At the office  
Noon Day between 3 & 5 P.M.  
I want you to deliver to  
same persons, to do just  
fine - Truly George Morris

Newark March 21/78  
Dear Sir I write to you that your  
Cause was adjourned until Monday  
next (3<sup>rd</sup> inst) at 10. I shall call you  
be on hand in time with your  
witnesses - you had better be if you  
want to save yourself - Set me  
hear from you by return mail  
whether you will be on hand  
Geo. A. Channero  
240 Market St.

March 22/78  
Thomas A. Collins  
Dear Sir  
Cause in to-morrow  
without fail I have got to see  
you & see  
Yours &c  
George Morris  
206 Broadway

March 26/78  
Dear Sir  
Please call at Office  
to Morrow Evening 7 as I  
desire to see you before  
you settle your debts -  
Truly George Morris

Newark, March 27, 1888

T. A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir

According to your request I have made to Mr. Gould your proposition for settlement. But they rejected it. The smallest amount I can get them to accept is three hundred dollars (\$300) in full for judgment claim, costs and give you a clear acquittance. Out of that amount they will be compelled to pay their Lawyer fifty dollars for costs on their part of the suit (for in a settlement like this each party has pay his own costs), besides their Lawyer's fee and they will not have much left. If you will accept their proposition, and desire to settle for at their figures.

and as I have costs to pay, on our  
side of the house, you must send  
me one fifty dollars in addition,  
out of which I will pay our costs,  
and keep the balance whatever it  
may be for my services. In  
other words you send me three  
hundred & fifty dollars, and I  
will settle with them, pay  
expenses, & dismiss the cause  
from the Court calendar,  
and send you a clear acquittance  
from the beginning of the world  
to the day of the date thereof - I  
tried to convince them that  
you were not worth a damn and  
if they got judgment, they would  
never get a cent - but I could  
not make it work - At first  
they were not willing to accept a  
cent less than \$350 for their portion  
but I finally got them down to \$50

they thereby agreeing to take \$350 -  
And they are willing to take that  
only in case it is settled up at  
once, they say they are willing to  
accept it now - but will not  
agree to do it in one month from  
now - As for your pecuniary  
interest is concerned, your time  
and the impracticability of your  
getting your witnesses here  
when you want them, it might  
be cheaper for you to settle, if that  
you alone are the judge, but you  
had better either settle it, or else  
conclude to take time to attend  
to the matter when you are wanted,  
Now sir, if you conclude to settle  
please send me the \$350 at  
once and I will adjust the  
thing finally - pay expenses and  
myself, and ~~forward~~ <sup>forward</sup> you will  
get the cause off the list and



<sup>miss</sup>  
A. Mammors  
Mar 27. 78

furnish you with the necessary  
vouchers, and thereby give you  
no further anxiety about it.  
If done please do it at once, lest  
they may fly the track, take  
time to answer this and let me  
know what you are going to do  
oblige

*Am*

A. Mammors  
240 Market St  
Newark

*AM*

Answer

Answered and say I will  
do it, ask them if they will  
take my note for 30 days  
if not I will raise cash money  
and pay about next Monday  
Edw

FOUNDED  
THE ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY,  
General Office,  
145 BROADWAY, N. Y.

March 28<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Thos. A. Edison, Esq.,  
Mento Park, N. J.

My dear Sir:

I presented to-day to  
our Executive Committee, the subject  
of your claims against the Atlantic  
& Pacific and Domestic Telegraph Co.  
The committee were disposed to  
accept my recommendation, but desired,  
before giving me authority to act, that  
a definite understanding be had  
relative to the Domestic claim. I  
suggest, therefore, that you let Mr.  
Butchelder come over at his early  
convenience, and review ~~with~~ the  
account with Mr. Hadden and myself,  
when I am confident we shall be  
able to arrive at a satisfactory result.  
I enclose herewith a letter which  
came to our office addressed to you to-day.

Very truly yours,

A. B. Chandler

419 Received  
March 28, 1878

New York March 28, 1878

T. A. Edison Esq

Sir

Yours of yesterday  
received. I will pay  
the French & Italian  
annuities.

Yours truly  
Geo. B. Prescott

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We do not know of any more  
of your copy of the book

Very truly  
yours  
George B. Prescott

Newark March 30<sup>th</sup> 78

T. A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir,

The referee  
has fixed Saturday next (April  
6<sup>th</sup>) for the further hearing of  
your cause with Coulter -  
unless it is previously settled.  
And as you have concluded to  
accept their proposition and  
settle it, I would advise you to  
have the money here by Thursday  
at the farthest, so that I can  
settle it by that time - and  
have any further costs or outlay.  
Let me hear from you by return  
mail or else

Yours

A. Mammoro  
240 Market St  
Newark, N. J.

Geo Nor vs  
Alone 1. 78  
Giles  
Barnes 1895

Edison  
vs  
Sarnistic Co }  
April 1, 1878

Edison  
your case is  
set for trial Wednesday  
of this week at 2 P.M.  
So came into office  
Tuesday evening between  
3 P.M. When we  
will go and settle it.  
No - Doubt - fail -  
Most Truly  
George Norris

GEORGE MORRIS,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
100 N. 4TH STREET.

Edison  
vs  
Domestic }

NEW YORK, April 4<sup>th</sup> 1878

Thomas A. Edison Esq  
Dear Sir

I have adjourned the above  
case until Saturday April 6 at 2 P.M.

Please call at office Saturday morning. It is absolutely necessary for you to come in Saturday morning. We either want to settle or go on and fight the Company

Yours &c

George Morris  
L

Encl. New York

Lo TA Edison

Have just received notice of  
postponement of case till  
Saturday April 6 at 2 pm  
in meantime if you can tell  
Batchelor come ~~over~~ ~~over~~ over  
for an hour or two. Think it

would be well, the sooner this  
matter is disposed of the better  
It may get as others have so  
we cannot manage it

Sig

Chandler

Recd by Batchelor

Newark April 11/1878

Dear Sir

I have not seen or heard from you to day as I expected I should. I have already informed you that the day fixed for hearing was Saturday of this week. And you must either send me the necessary evil before that is completely prepared to go ahead, or you know what will follow is not fail to let me hear from you soon

A. Manners

Newark, N. J., April 6 1878

Received from

Thos. A. Edwin

Three Hundred — — Dollars.

by check of Char. Patchen, which when

paid, pays in full the Quota of Edwin  
on his share of the Hamilton

and in pursuance of the C. F. & C. E. HILL, ATTYS.

\$ 300

Per

C. F. H.



THE ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY,  
General Office,  
146 BROADWAY, N. Y.

April 9<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Mrs. A. Edison, Esq;  
Menlo Park, N. J.

My dear Sir:

I return herewith ~~the~~  
memo. of lawyer Norris which you  
handed me yesterday, with notations  
in connection with his figures, showing,  
as stated to me, the amounts which he  
may properly charge as expenses of  
your two suits, outside of counsel fees,  
showing a reduction of \$70. from the  
amounts noted by him. The matter  
of counsel fees may, perhaps, be called  
me of "Ganey."

I have presented the subject  
of <sup>your claims</sup> ~~both~~ to two members of our committee  
informally, to-day. You are, I think,  
aware of the position we are in, in  
respect to money, a large amount being  
due us by the Western Union Co. which  
we cannot get; hence our committee feel  
unusually inclined to part with as little

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General Office,

145 BROADWAY, N. Y.

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as possible. I am authorized to say, however, that, if you will settle with Norris, they will allow the bill of Russell, and authorize me to pay in cash \$1,500, instead of making you wait a month or two on the A.P. matter, and indefinitely on the Domestic matter — thus disposing entirely of the whole subject.

I have done the best I could for you in both cases, and can only say, if I were in your place, I would accept it. Please let me hear from you by Thursday.

Yours, truly,

A. W. Hayward

Norris account

~~Edison~~ <sup>changed</sup>  
same on bal

Edison  
after the 4P

Costs before 11 23-15

after 11- 75-15

Costs

20-20

Glycol fees 100-00

63-53

Current fees 120-00

183-00

Edison  
no  
Bomister

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July cal

Term fees 70-10

Costs before 23-15

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Edison before 20-X

Term fees 20-X

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new days 15-X

Stationery 25-20

Rep. Engr. 60

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GEORGE NORRIS,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
302 & 304 Broadway.

Edison Edison

by  
At-Laws

Summit, N. J. April 11 1878  
NEW YORK.

Received from Thomas A Edison  
Two Hundred & twenty-five Dollars  
in full Settlement of Charges  
in above entitled actions

George Norris

[FROM GEORGE PRESCOTT]

New York, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1878.

George E. Gourand Esq

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst, in relation to a proposed arrangement with Messrs Smith, Fleming & Co, with respect to the quadruplex patents issued in England to Mr Thomas A. Edison & myself, & which were held in trust by the late William Ostons. As your understanding of my conversation is incorrect in several particulars - I have thought it best to state specifically what we are willing to do, in order that the matter may be clearly understood.

Upon the payment to me of £500, or before the 1st of June 1878 - as a reimbursement of the cost of the English quadruplex patents, & of the expenditures made last autumn in the exploitation of the quadruplex in London & Liverpool, my associates & myself agree to convey to Messrs Smith, Fleming & Co, the option to purchase the English quadruplex patents belonging to us, for a royalty of £1000 per annum & ten per cent on the gross receipts above £2000 per annum, during the life of said patents. This option to remain open until

October 1st, 1878.

Should Messrs. Smith, Fleming & Co, not consummate the arrangement for acquiring the quadruplex patents, previous to October 1st, 1878, then the option to sell upon these terms shall cease, & Messrs. Smith, Fleming & Co, shall not be entitled to receive the whole or any part of the £500. paid by them for said option.

In case Messrs. Smith, Fleming & Co, should consummate the contemplated arrangement for acquiring the English quadruplex patents, we will then agree that they shall be entitled to receive one half of any revenue thereafter derived from the above mentioned inventions in other countries of Europe.

Yours Respectfully,

J. C. REIFF.

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, Apr 27 1875

Dear Sir,

The demurrer of  
Harry A. Edison to the  
Omnibus Bill was argued  
by William Butler & Soren-  
sen. We shall get a  
decision within a few  
weeks.

Whatever the real merits of the  
Quadruplex, I am sick tired  
of hearing the WCC Counsel  
insist that you were in the  
service of the WCC from July 75  
to Aug 75 & that you committed  
base fraud in registering claims  
of patents & issue to H & E & also  
answering against them when you  
gave sworn facts to Jones.  
How can they look you in the face  
if you are the base scoundrel they always  
slandered in court. I cannot suppose

Amare you my Herald?

The demurrer of me to the  
Bill  
The names of the parties to the  
case are clearly given in the  
papers & they must be  
materially - they change things





917

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and  
 wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are  
 well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but  
 I have managed to find some time to write to you.  
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 wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are  
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April 23. 1878

Geo. B. Prescott, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of this date in which you introduce several features which I do not remember to have been a part of either of the other conversation upon the subject, and I am afraid the new conditions you impose will render the arrangement wholly impracticable. As I am sailing tomorrow morning and only received your letter late this afternoon it will be impossible for me to see you again, but I shall hope that you will be able to reconsider the matter and direct it of the objections referred to which I would mention to me the short time you give them for deciding on. To the payment of £500. by June 1st. &

It will be within a week or two days (P<sup>2</sup>) & that time before I will be able to get the gentlemen together in London. Your ~~are~~ receiving 10% upon the gross return above ( ) premium is a further consideration that I think you might well waive, the limitation to October 1st will I fear hardly allow time enough for concluding the agreement with the Prof<sup>rs</sup>

Your final clause does not seem to contemplate  
the leaving in their hands of the negotiating  
with other countries in Europe, a condition  
which I think should be essential to them  
as well as in your own best interests.

I shall hope to hear from you shortly  
after my arrival in London at my office  
6 Lombard St. E.C. and sincerely trust  
that for the interest of all concerned you will  
make the terms in all respects as favorable  
to Messrs. Smith & Fleming Co. as possible.

I remain

Dear Sir

Yours

J. E. Howard.

My dear Sir April 27, 1878

Please call at my  
Office Monday afternoon  
as I have some information  
that will be of advantage  
to you — Most truly, G. Norris

GEORGE NORRIS,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
20 & 22 NASSAU.

NEW YORK, May 2nd 1878

Thomas Edison Esq

My dear Sir

I desire to see you  
on Saturday Next. Because  
I have a plan to show you  
for your advantage. Do  
not fail to come — Drop  
a postal card for me  
when you will be in  
so that I can meet you

Most truly

George Norris

JEROME REDDING & CO.,  
Manufacturers of  
**Telegraph Instruments,**  
ELECTRIC WATCH CLOCKS,  
Bells, Annunciators, Burglar Alarms, Medical Batteries, etc.,  
No. 30 HANOVER STREET,

Boston, May 9<sup>th</sup> 1876.

T. A. Edison, Esq.,  
Windsor Park,  
N. J.

Dear Sir Yours of 8<sup>th</sup> inst.  
is at hand.

Please find en-  
closed bill which we think  
is an exact copy of the  
one we sent you at that  
time -

Hoping this will be  
satisfactory, we remain

Yours Truly,  
Jerome Redding & Co.



Boston, July 30<sup>th</sup> 1876.  
Mr. T. A. Edison, Windsor Park,  
 **Jerome Redding & Co.,**  
30 HANOVER STREET.

1869

July 29  
Aug. 9  
12 1/2 Hours Labor,  
Gaslight,  
Gas Cutting,  
Spec.  
Spanning,  
Co. by Cash.

Price Payment

71.37	
1.50	
1.50	
1.25	
35	75.97
30	
50	70-
	\$ 5.97

Monday P.M.

T.A.E. I will make a  
copy of your Auditori-  
um content at home  
this evening. Will hand  
you the orig. if you  
are up tomorrow, if  
not will mail it.

You said that I  
might show it to Mr  
Lowrey. He is not down  
today, is expected tomorrow.

I feel that he can  
help you out not only

Hecker Aug 4, 98  
with A, but also at  
W.C. when the time  
comes - also that he  
will suggest to me  
as to the wherewith  
to work the matter  
up with manufacturing

If I did not  
know that he is a  
good true man to  
my I should not  
ask you to have a  
talk with him before  
making any new deal  
with A. Yours &c.  
J. M. C. M.

Thursday P.M.  
May 14/78

Friend Edison.

I enclose the  
Child - Andrews Contract.

I made copy as you  
requested, and it is  
with Mrs. Lowrey.  
as you said that  
I might show it  
to him. He will  
be at home tomorrow  
so if you wish to  
tell him the rest  
of the story you

can do so at some  
early day.

The great  
point just now seems  
to determine how to  
find money for financing  
Kenny's experiment, with  
your or Ruff's application,  
and to whom the  
invention will belong  
when done - You know  
what I am driving at  
is to have it yours  
and Kenny's, that you  
may see it to



W.M.<sup>3</sup> if they want  
it, and will pay  
what it is worth -

I send this  
by Frank Macé as  
better than the mail -

I don't see  
how you can hope  
to find a better man  
than him on Phoebe  
for Australia - Hope  
you will make a  
trade and look do  
well.  
J. W. Miller

20th.

My May 24/77

our long delay of cases in Md. Cir  
Court came up today & the judge  
ruled the admission of evidence  
prosecution & defense. I did object as  
soon as he heard the argument.  
The eloquence of both sides, but  
both parties must now answer & the  
shall have to trial this case in  
Washington. Pretty good day with  
all this in has waited nearly two  
years to get the chance.

Tr. J. C. R.

16 ~~Experiments~~  
May 21, 78

Excuse from my being absent  
the amount of money or so much  
allowed to other business

Brooklyn May 21/78

Prof Edison,  
Dear Sir.

Having taken a great  
interest in your wonderful  
inventions and having  
experimented a little in  
electricity I would like to  
have you give me some  
information in regards  
to a few points which I  
am not convinced if it  
is not asking too much of  
you when you are at leisure.  
I am connected with  
3 different lines of which  
one grounds at my place.  
I cut my instruments out  
at night and have a

lightning arrester attached  
to one. Which is most  
necessary to have the ar-  
rester the one that grounds  
there on the side - Is there  
and danger from lightning  
where a power wire  
runs under the carpet  
and is there danger in sleeping  
in a room where the wires  
are.

By Complying with the  
above request you will  
Greatly Oblige

J. H. Edwards  
Super S. Tel. Co.  
Brooklyn P. Office

# The American District Telegraph Co.

R. W. ANDREWS, President.  
A. B. CORNELL, Vice-Pres. & Treas.  
T. M. FOOTE, Sec'y & Man'g Director

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,  
699 BROADWAY.

C. B. HITCHKISS, Sec. & Asst. Treas.  
H. W. POPE, General Mgt.

*try & make  
appointment as  
early as possible*  
Thomas A. Edison Esq. New York, May 24<sup>th</sup> 1878  
Dear Sir:

Referring to our conversation of  
yesterday. I would like to see you at your earliest  
convenience & make an appointment to go to Union Park  
and discuss with you what is to be done to make  
a combination of inventions for fac. sending telegraphing  
a telegram, to meet you at the Bell & South or W. W.  
will reach you at this office at any time  
From the few minutes conversation we had, I  
think if the system can be perfected as you suggested  
that I can arrange for the means, provided all other  
things can be made satisfactory.

Yours. truly  
E. M. Andrews

No. 4.

(31/10/15-1)

(Service Message Form.)

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited.

NEW YORK STATION, *24 May 1878*

Back from \_\_\_\_\_ Sent or landed to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time \_\_\_\_\_ M. Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Message \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Words \_\_\_\_\_  
 From \_\_\_\_\_

*London**J. A. Edison  
Minto Park N.Y.*

<i>They</i>	<i>confident</i>	<i>of</i>	3
<i>rights</i>	<i>punder</i>	<i>original</i>	6
<i>contract</i>	<i>but</i>	<i>recognize</i>	9
<i>expedient</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>compromise</i>	12
<i>after</i>	<i>much</i>	<i>discussion</i>	15
<i>am</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>opinion</i>	18
<i>if</i>	<i>authorized</i>	<i>by</i>	21
<i>you</i>	<i>can</i>	<i>else</i>	24
<i>on</i>	<i>following</i>	<i>basis</i>	27
<i>out</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>first</i>	30
<i>receipts</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>to</i>	33
<i>be</i>	<i>repaid</i>	<i>you</i>	36

No. 4.

(31/10/15-1)

(Service Message Form.)

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited.

NEW YORK STATION, \_\_\_\_\_ 187

Back from \_\_\_\_\_ Sent or landed to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time \_\_\_\_\_ M. Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Message \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Words \_\_\_\_\_  
 From \_\_\_\_\_

*2*

<i>expended</i>	<i>five</i>	<i>hundred</i>	3
<i>pounds</i>	<i>next</i>	<i>they</i>	6
<i>to</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>repaid</i>	9
<i>their</i>	<i>expended</i>	<i>hereafter</i>	12
<i>incurred</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>same</i>	15
<i>account</i>	<i>after</i>	<i>which</i>	18
<i>you</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>receive</i>	21
<i>first</i>	<i>five</i>	<i>hundred</i>	24
<i>pounds</i>	<i>yearly</i>	<i>then</i>	27
<i>they</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>receive</i>	30
<i>five</i>	<i>hundred</i>	<i>pounds</i>	33
<i>yearly</i>	<i>then</i>	<i>you</i>	36

No. 4  
(Service Message Form.)

(11101-12-1)

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited.

NEW YORK STATION, 187

Recd. from \_\_\_\_\_ Sent to \_\_\_\_\_  
Time \_\_\_\_\_ M. Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Words \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Message \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Words \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

other	five	hundred	3
pounds	anything	further	6
three	letter	cable	9
reply	expedite	promised	12
map	persuade	prescott	15
to	approve	and	18
promptly	as	parties	21
all	here	and	24
moment	exceptionally	favorable	27
for	opening	campaign	30
cable	noting	to	33
Consult me	regarding	England	36
		Tourad	

J. C. REIFF,

No. 52 BROADWAY,

New York, May 21 1878

My dear Edison By invitation of Dr.  
Green I met him this PM. & gave  
him a history of the litigation —  
He says he never had a fair idea  
of it before.

I am to see him again —  
 meantime I am trying to keep  
it warm all round —

You may rest assured I

do not forget G.B.C.

Am I ever to see you again, or  
must I come to meals, like the  
other D.B.'s.

Yours  
J. C. Reiff

At home to you

Edison Islet. Edison people here.



Compromise, pretty certain it is, to  
my mind that nobody there will  
either - And I trust you will believe  
that I am far from indicating anything  
in the course of a threat to you - My  
object being, simply to make a settlement  
acceptable to all parties - Your  
proposition certainly opens the way to  
a compromise - I agree with you  
that they should make a counter  
proposition to you before they can  
expect you to ask any modification  
and in that view of the case, I am  
not displeased with your reply -  
which I believe to be the best one  
calculable of coming from them as  
definite counter proposition which I  
currently trust to be able to do so  
the result of your next meeting -  
I was referred to in my cable to you  
the map of the phantom wires  
which you were good enough to  
say you would send me -

Yours faithfully  
Geo. B. Prescott  
P.S. I enclose the above  
map of the phantom wires  
for the cable to you -  
Geo. B. Prescott  
do.

28 May. 8.

Geo. B. Prescott Esq.

Dear Sir: I beg to confirm exchange  
of cables as enclosed - Mine to you  
seems to cover the ground so fully that  
I hardly know what to add to it -  
I trust that your reply does not go  
into particulars - I have not been able  
to get a meeting of the parties since its  
receipt - I shall have no time however -  
I shall hope to call on you for the in a  
day or two - I should perhaps make  
now clear to you than I have the nature of  
my position in this matter - I have  
no interest whatever with the  
Hawkeye & Co. neither have I written you  
but as they invested their money in  
the automatic through wire, I am  
extremely anxious to bring about  
some compromise of the only business  
out of which they can hope to get any  
money - and in that which

Enclosed.

Yours,

Wm. H. Jackson

The enclosed is a copy of a letter from the  
 British Consul, Sir R. M. S. P. to the  
 American Consul, Sir R. M. S. P. dated  
 18th March 1861. It contains a copy of a  
 letter from the British Consul to the  
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Scott

Supp. R

... objection  
... will endeavor to get  
... to make a definite  
... proposed ...

Prescott. to Gouraud

If they will pay five  
hundred pounds down  
will accede to the rest  
of the proposition  
Map by mail

29 Mar. 1878.

To H. H. Emerson  
Boston May 30/78  
Mr A. A. Edison  
New York, N.Y.  
Dear Sir

You recollect the contract  
you made with me several years ago  
for one half interest in Morse's duplex  
or any improvement. You should make  
it also for half interest in any other  
invention or any other principle, method,  
or system that you should invent, or  
obtain a caveat or patent for, to be  
used for the transmission of messages  
on telegraph wires both ways simultaneously.  
I should like to dispose of the  
contract you told Mr. Crocker and  
other familiar with the provisions  
included in the terms of the contract  
that it is valuable. That do you  
think of it - Yours truly  
E. B. Welch.

Amos H. H. Emerson  
to receive of Welch & Co.  
\$1000.00 for the contract.

New York June 21, 1878

152. 2<sup>d</sup> ave.

Mr. A. Edison Esq,

Dear Sir,

In my interview with you yesterday, you will remember that I stated there was a bill before Congress for the protection from loss by fire of all property of the Government by the best System of Automatic Signals -

On my return to the city I found a letter from Washington informing me, that the Bill referred to had passed both Houses.

As soon as I can procure a copy of the Bill, I will send it to you.

The matter will doubtless be referred to a Commission to select the best System, and give it the Award. So there it will be some time yet before any thing definite will be decided upon.

If your health and other pursuits does not engross your time and attention from the subject, whatever System you may be able to devise in the

interview will have a fair chance for a hearing  
before any Commission that may have the  
power to hear and determine.

The Great Napoleon while in Egypt  
said to the Army, "That forty centuries looked  
down upon them from the pyramids." And  
I might say that Seven Thousand Millions  
of dollars in value of insured property in the  
United States, look up to you, for security  
against loss by fire.

I trust that this vast  
interest will exert an influence to the  
best advantage to perfect or improve <sup>on</sup> the systems  
now in operation, and if this result can  
be reached, its consummation will be  
decisively welcomed.

Very Respectfully, Sir,

Thomas D. Roe

152 - 2<sup>d</sup> Ave

N. Y.

Wm. H. H. H. H.

# The American District Telegraph Co.

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T. M. FOOTER,  
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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,  
699 BROADWAY.

C. R. HOTCHKISS,  
Sec. & Asst. Treas.  
H. W. POPE,  
General Supt.

New York, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 1878

J. W. Edwards Esq  
N.Y.C.

Inc? your favor saying you would  
make an appointment to meet me at an early & day  
as possible. I see by the papers that you are soon  
to leave for Denver. I should like to see you  
early next week if you can - I might be one  
at my address in the morning you are coming  
to town & I wish meet you at any place you  
may designate and will not occupy your time  
for many minutes.

Yrs Truly  
Edw and sons



und 8/14/78

New York July 12<sup>th</sup>/8

To  
Thos. A Edison Esq  
Sir

I am a little person  
as to the workings of  
one of your inventions  
I prefer to the Quadruplex  
Telegraph & have taken  
the liberty of writing to  
you for the information  
hoping that you will  
excuse me. I cannot  
~~yet~~ fully comprehend  
how four (4) messages  
can be sent on one  
wire. In fact it has  
fuzzled me more to understand

than any of your  
later inventions. I  
am an operator myself  
& that is the reason  
I am interested. If not  
~~to~~ much trouble will  
you kindly give me  
this information or inform  
me where I can get it  
confer a great favor  
on

Yours truly

P. F. Conway  
401 Bway  
N.Y.C.

Enc R.R.

NORMAN C. MILLER,  
Second Floor,  
NO. 6 NEW CHURCH STREET,  
Between Fulton and Bay,  
NEW YORK.

New York July 16. 1878

Charles Batchelor Esqr  
De Sir

Mr Edison  
told me on Saturday evening that  
he would leave word with you  
to pay me Twelve dollars a week  
to continue the work which I am  
now doing on the Autographia penum  
untill Mr. Lounby satisfies himself  
about it - ~~as~~ Mr. Miller is going  
to your place I requested him to  
suffer about it so as to leave Mr.  
Edison's ideas more fully than I now  
them. If you understand the matter  
as I do you can send the amount  
by Mr. Miller so that what I am  
now doing may be continued and  
also that I may be able to go to

Steno Park when necessary <sup>P. Kenner</sup> 6/12/02  
Mr. Miller will explain

Respectfully yours

P. Kenner

Rev. Mr. Parker  
July 17<sup>th</sup> 1898. of  
Mr. John B. Miller  
Colonel for Mr. Kenner  
a name in his office  
order, or request  
#12. M. B. Miller

7 Leicester Place,  
London, W.  
Aug. 1, 1878.

My dear Sir,

I write to ask you  
to pay me the \$355  
due on the sale of  
domestic stock to the  
Hudson Chgo. - You  
had my stock & the  
above amount remains  
unpaid -

I have left the  
my boy & must now  
have the money at  
any cost. Of course,

You alone are responsible  
to me for it & to you  
alone can I look for  
its payment.

I don't know whether  
they have or have not  
settled with you in  
full - I presume not,  
or you would have  
told me - But I do  
know that I am  
getting desperate for  
want of money & I  
beg of you to at least

pay me this, to you,  
small amount -  
You must be well able  
to do this now that  
your photograph ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup>  
are meeting with such  
success.

In any case  
answer this letter at  
once, that I may  
know what to do.

Yours truly  
Alice Norton.

Thos. A. Edison { over

I know for a fact that  
some of the parties  
got their share in full.  
But let me offer because  
I have waited.

I have settled it all  
up according to what  
I paid over all  
I rec'd.

866 hwy 100

(1272)

New York Aug 6.  
T. A. Edison Esq.

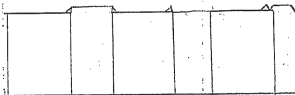
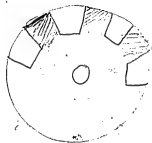
Dear Sir:-

In reply to your Enquiry  
through Mackenzie, about any  
Contracts covering future improvements  
or have to say that I have made  
no Contracts or obligations of any  
kind with the Union Fire Alarm  
Co or any one else-

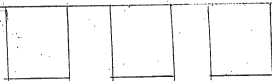
Accept my sincere gratitude for  
your kindly aid in my present  
negotiations.

Very Truly Yrs  
T. A. Edison





— 1 2 3 —



(1977)

Fig 1 front View - Full Size 1 inch deep  
Fig 2 Back "

xxxxxx are hallow front plate

B, Segment secured to shaft S.

R, Rubber button to turn Segment B back  
to its normal position after the  
number has been sent = This gets  
away with Gamewells patent self winder

In Fig 2 P, P, P, P are parts that holds  
the case together.

K Ratchet wheel

D Circuit Break wheel

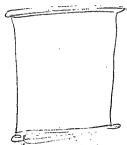
H Circuit Breaker

C Escapement wheel

V Verges

Circuit break wheel 65 teeth,

over



Think Square better  
Shape

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Whereas first party has made  
certain new and useful improvements  
in Automatic Fire Alarm Signal Boxes  
rc rc

J. C. Reiff

52 BROADWAY.

New York,

Aug 29 1877

My dear Edison

I hope to go to  
Wenlo this evening, but for past  
few days I have been suffering  
from a fearful influenza which  
has been on me for some time but I  
must get the doctor.

I sent you for information this  
morning a copy of the  
Lancet.

We complete our reply by Monday,  
when as I understand we can  
proceed at once to take testimony.  
I wish you would look into  
these papers & put down any  
questions you would like me to  
ask Gould, Eckert or Chandler.  
Russell says Gould's answer  
practically concedes our position  
for so far we can get on  
hearing. The court will allow  
us to enter judgment against him.

I was glad to learn from your  
man yesterday that you  
are very well & that you  
but has done so far good.  
I have followed you  
closely & I again read  
to my satisfaction. The business  
reported from Atlanta  
will be a big one for you  
as may not be discussed  
but the matter takes all  
the time of the firm now  
and you find way there  
and water.

J.R.

Edison's  
 Electric Pen & Multiplying Table  
 J. A. Edison  
 General Manager  
 J. A. Edison  
 General Manager  
 267 Broadway N.Y.  
 New York Sept 16 1878

Prof. J. A. Edison  
 D.D.

I am anxious to see you  
 & will be obliged if you will make  
 an appointment to visit me tomorrow  
 if possible - I shall be at the office  
 of the Gold Stock tomorrow at eleven  
 o'clock & will be at half past  
 eleven - It is important for your  
 interests & as my own that  
 we have an early conference

I wish you could  
 telegraph me at 149 Broadway whether  
 you will be in tomorrow or not

Yrs Truly  
 J. A. Edison

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Sept 10 1878

A. L. Rice

Weymouth

How is the Carbon  
Rheostat

Edison



London Sept 11 78  
Alex Montan.

My ans

138 Lawrence St. N.Y.  
N.Y. England.  
Sept. 11. 1878.

Dear Sir,

Also, like yourself,  
am enforced by the  
Gulento of your letter of  
27<sup>th</sup> Aug when I left N.Y.  
to open up there  
was a balance unpaid  
by return in the stock  
sale & of this a  
portion was due me  
& a portion Reiff -

My share was \$355.  
I am not account for  
your letter saying you  
has been turned up  
or supposing that  
since my absence here  
you have settled with  
Reiff in full - giving  
him my share -

Please answer, in  
return if this be so <sup>as before</sup>  
as he has not paid  
me nor advised me  
of its receipt from

you - He has statement  
of up with stock  
then I left.

If you have not  
paid him the amt.  
of \$355, this due me &  
I beg you will remit  
at once - He will  
certify to this & show  
his statement.

Yours truly,  
Wm. W. W. W.

P. A. T. W. W.

THE EXCHANGE TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

17 & 18, CORNHILL, LONDON, E.C.

PLEASE TO BE ADDRESSED TO  
THE MANAGING DIRECTOR.

13 Sept<sup>r</sup>

1875

Dear Sir

I am about to read a paper to the Society of Telegraph Engineers on the District System - as you were one of the original directors of the N.Y. Dist. Telegraph Co. perhaps you might be disposed to assist me with some account of the origin of the concern.

I have written to Mr. Andrews the President of the American District Co. for some statistics of the operation, but shall feel very much obliged for any information you may be pleased to furnish, & remain

Yours faithfully

J. Higgins

C. C.

J. A. Edison Esq<sup>r</sup>

directions with your  
Supt. to have the  
instruments ready  
on your return -

Truly if you care  
do what you said it  
would produce about  
immediate returns -

Please answer by  
return mail how the  
matter stands at pres-  
ent -

Respectfully,  
Thomas J. Rae  
152. 2<sup>d</sup> Ave

New York Sep 17. 78

Thos J. Edison Esq  
N.Y. City.

Don't you want  
to see me in regard  
the improved fire  
alarm -

I am exceedingly  
anxious in relation to  
seeing a better and  
cheaper system in-  
troduced -

When I last saw  
you, before your depar-  
ture for the West, you  
said you had left

My 4th-20th  
Thos I Rice

New York  
Sep 20<sup>th</sup> 1878

Mrs A. Edison Esq  
Dear Sir,

This afternoon  
took a car - I will  
come down to see  
you Monday, by  
8.30 train -

Yrs Respectly,  
Thos I. Rice

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Oct 3 1878

My B PA Edison

and

If possible myself  
go to see you tomorrow  
on Wednesday

You be there

Edw Andrews

19th

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Eng

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Oct 3 1878

Edw Andrews

I will be here  
unless called to

My by Telegram  
PA Edison

16th

34th

J. C. REIFF.

No. 52 BROADWAY.

New York, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1876

My dear J. A. Your welcome recd.  
one is ok - The other not complete.  
I don't in any manner please let  
me know, as I desire to counsel  
you regarding Serrell's request in  
the interference case etc etc.  
I don't want to have him get you  
into a wrong position -  
The thing needed is a Rate Reduction  
first - but in no way not broken  
you in the future.  
I was surprised to learn that even  
Frank Pope & Smith are in  
interference with you - That is  
really too thin

Edison

Write to Genl.  
Seymour Serrell at  
once for no delay  
in the reduction case.

Truly  
J. C. Reiff

To Amos A. Welch  
Boston Oct 9th 1878  
Thomas A. Edison Esq.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Edison, will have the  
Contract referred to in my previous  
letter & I am immediately from legal advisers  
You will get my opinion respecting  
it, totally different from that you  
expressed in your letter to me, which  
was recd some weeks ago - I have  
had it examined by Attorneys in  
Boston and a few others & they say  
it is a very clear case - My Attorneys  
will tell you the same, if you let them  
read the Contract, & I am quite certain  
about the terms of the Contract  
conplied with - I leave same to  
your attention and let me hear from  
you soon -  
Yours truly, A. A. Welch



T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 10 1878

Ny 10  
Thos. A. Edison ms

Will you be at home tomorrow  
if so I will go over with Mr  
Andrews at eleven am  
Jas Gamble

1927  
L. 9

T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 10 1878

Jas Gamble  
Recd. Sept 24

Sorry but I will  
be away tomorrow and  
next day  
T. A. Edison

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11<sup>30</sup> am  
9 In

T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_ 1878

New York Oct 14

T. A. Edison  
Menlo Park

Will you be home  
if possible & myself  
appear at 12 West  
23rd St office  
tomorrow morning

E. H. Andrews  
Pres.

21st St  
J. J.

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_ 1878

E. H. Andrews

Pres.  
12 West 23rd St  
NY

Will be in NY  
tomorrow will make  
appointment latter part  
of this week  
Edison.

13th

8:00pm  
9/14

George B. Prescott  
Electrician

Electrician's Office  
Western Union Telegraph Company  
New York Oct 17 1878

Thomas A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith an assignment of one half interest in my patents for improvement in Quadruplex Telegraphs No. 190,898, agreeably to the requirements of our agreement of August 19<sup>th</sup> 1874.

Yours truly  
Geo. B. Prescott

Assignment of Letters Patent.

Whereas Letters Patent of the United States bearing date May 15, 1877, and numbered 190,898 for Improvements in Quadruplex Telegraphy, were duly granted to George B. Prescott of the City and State of New York; and whereas by a contract and assignment between Thomas A. Edison and George B. Prescott, dated August 19th, 1874, and recorded in Liber K<sup>18</sup>, page 52 of Transfers of Patents, it is provided that both of the parties shall have an equal undivided interest in all Letters Patent of the United States, or of any foreign countries, which may be granted for all or any of the inventions therein described, or of any future improvements thereon made by either party, and of all extensions and issues of any such Letters Patent; and whereas the above mentioned Letters Patent No. 190,898 are for improvements upon the inventions mentioned in the Contract and Assignment of August 19, 1874.

Now, therefore this Indenture Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the above mentioned agreement and assignment and for the consideration therein recited, I, the said George B. Prescott, do hereby sell and assign to the said Thomas A. Edison one undivided half part of the right, title, and interest of every character, in, to, under and connected with the said invention and Letters Patent under and in accordance with the conditions set forth in said contract and assignment of August 19th, 1874, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said Thomas A. Edison for his own use and behoof, and for the use and behoof of his legal representatives, to the full and term for which said Letters Patent are granted so fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me had this Assignment and sale not been made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
affixed my seal this sixteenth day of October, 1878.  
Sealed & delivered in the  
presence of

G. A. Hamilton.

George B. Prescott

London Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1848

H. J. Ellis Esq. J. W. A.  
Men & Park, N. A.

Dear Sir,

I am of course not legally  
bound. The considerations you will find  
stated in the contract, and if you ask  
the opinion of your legal advisers  
they will tell you that the contract  
is legal and valid and that you cannot  
get rid of your liabilities without  
either paying or accepting a general  
disposal to the receiver. General  
settlement with you rather than commence  
action on it. You are not disposed to  
settle the matter, must put the matter  
into court. I have submitted the con-  
tract to my attorney here and he in-  
forms me that all your former opinion  
now, that the contract is valid.

Yours truly  
over E. J. W. A.

Have your letter acknowledging the  
Contract - as you cannot deny it now -

1800 Oct 19<sup>th</sup>  
E B Welch

never been remitted by  
you to me since then.

I beg that you will  
answer these questions  
& attend to the matter,  
as I need the money.

Yours faithfully  
Alex. Morton.

address, 138 Laverstock Rd.

~~St. James's Place, W.C.~~  
London. Oct. 22. 1878.

J. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your note  
stating that you had settled  
up the Domestic Int. Stock \$355  
balance due me "long ago", I  
wrote you on or about the  
7<sup>th</sup> of Sept. asking for  
information as to how &  
when it had been paid &  
to whom - as when I left  
New York 2 years ago, it  
was then due me & has,  
as you must be aware



T. A. EDISON.

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2:20 pm

Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 23 1878

N.Y. 23  
Hos A Edison Mr  
I will be over on eleven  
o'clock train tomorrow as  
per my engagement  
J. A. Hamblee

Mr.  
J. A.

Ms 23  
J. A. Hamblee ny  
Sorry but I am compelled  
to go to N.Y. tomorrow  
T. A. Edison

D. H.

New York Wednesday Morning <sup>Nov 6 - 44</sup>

Friend Dixon.

I arrived here on Sunday morning, and naturally made inquiries regarding yourself with a view to seeing you. After talking with Gerrit he kindly volunteered to speak over the wire and yesterday afternoon handed me Mr Griffin's message. Under existing circumstances I hardly expected to be allowed to go to Marble Park, but I was so anxious to see you that I knew of no other course of arriving at my object except the one pursued. I feel convinced that the light in which my position appears to you is a false one & I am extremely anxious to alter it if possible.

Mr Briggs when he was in London mentioned the fact that you were very much annoyed at Brown, but didn't or couldn't tell me the whole story. I personally have never to my knowledge done one single act that was in the slightest degree prejudicial to your interests, whatever Brown may have done I know little or nothing about, his bump of secretiveness being unusually

large I am afraid. -

If you reflect a little, I am sure your memory will serve to prove that my disposition was never, to say the least, vindictive. I want to see you for many reasons, am I asking too much? -

Yours Respectfully

Edw Wright

J. A. Addison Esq.

Menlo Park

Address Care of Gerritt Smith Esq.

Wm North Jr  
Edw Wright  
Care Menlo Park

John W. Porter,  
 Supervisor of Survey,  
 Co. 10th Regt.  
 10th Regt. Iowa  
 George T. Kunkin.

Porter, Lawrence, Sever & Stone,  
 Attorneys & Counsellors at Law,  
 No. 3 Broad Street, (WREXEL BUILDING),  
 New York, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1878

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Not receive this petition & from nothing what  
 we about it - it is as even for it.

(Enclosed, petition)  
 enclosed in my letter

My dear Edison

I arrived home safely, laugh-  
 ing many times on the way, at your remiscen-  
 es, especially the severity of the Louisville  
 Superintendent who threatened to discharge the  
 operation of these over time the office is  
 paid again - It reminded me of the  
 benevolent and rather underwitted fellow  
 up in my country who, returning at night  
 to the bosom of his family, found decedat  
 by the wrong man in the high place,  
 & told him he ever found him there a  
 gain he would "throw his breeches out  
 of doors if it rained over so hard".

Enclosed you will find enclosed  
 petition for review which Pope brought  
 down & directed you have requested  
 me to forward to you - There was to be  
 some letter about Jones claim to go  
 with it, for purposes of explanation - I will  
 keep the open to receive it - I have

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Lowry

Regarding personal matters  
and refers to Dr. Green  
note about Quad.

J. C. REIFF,  
President.

AMERICAN AUTOMATIC TELEGRAPH CO.,  
No. 52 BROADWAY,

New York, Nov 14 1878

Dear G. A. G.

I inclose a document  
for your amusement —

D. A. E. evidently thinks my opinions  
worth something —

Of course the nut was instigated  
by him —

Notwithstanding the silly  
slandered notion in buying  
such a nut, yet I must  
show money to defeat suspect —

How is your health?

How is the Baby? Who is "Leslie"  
for whom you named the Boy —

J. C. R.

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., December 13.....1878

J. U. Mackenzie Esq  
New York

Dear Sir

As requested by you I have very carefully examined the non interfering fire alarm signal box manufactured by C.H. Bond of the Union Fire Alarm Company of New York, and I have no hesitation in pronouncing it the best, simplest, and most reliable non interfering fire alarm signal box I have ever seen.

Yours Truly

Thomas A Edison

I have examined the fine alarm  
as manufactured by the Union Fine  
Alarm Co. of N.Y. & consider it a  
good reliable non interfering  
system. J. A. Miller  
Supt. Polygraph Works

**The American District Telegraph Co.**

E. W. ANDREWS,  
President.  
A. B. CORNELL,  
1st Vice-Pres. & Treas.  
T. M. FOOTE,  
2d V. P. & Man'g Director.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,  
699 BROADWAY.

C. B. HOYCHKISS,  
Sec. & Asst. Treas.,  
H. W. POPE,  
General Supt.

New York, Dec. 16, 1878

Thos. A. Edison Esq  
New York

I have reconsidered to see if you  
several times in relation to autographic telegraphing.  
Every appointment you have made, you have been  
obliged (from fear of being up & down) to omit to  
keep - I saw each frame to day & you said you  
had stated to him that the contract between yourself  
myself, Will & Effie was to be given up, to you,  
the contract chose for itself, what the agreement was,  
after we had advanced you money for experimenting  
beyond the time specified, you said, after the failure  
of the last experiment that you recede, "you have  
advanced money enough. I have failed three times  
but some times I shall see how I can perfect this  
invention & I will do that at my own expense"  
for the benefit of the contracting parties - I show  
your written agreement to that effect. - Nothing  
was said about surrendering the contract, & such a thing  
was never contemplated by you or myself -  
I understood Mr. Jimmy was a device which would enable  
you to perfect this important improvement. & I think from  
my conversation with Doc. Frame, that the W. M. C. would



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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,  
699 BROADWAY.

C. B. HOTCHKISS, Sec. & Asst. Treas.  
H. W. POPE, General Supt.

New York,

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be willing to pay to have the experiment tried if they could contract it, if it was a success, - I am willing on my part, (I think I can get the consent of the other parties in interest) to agree to a fair arrangement, if the experiment can be tried - If you would like me, to come to a conclusion as to an agreement of terms, the matter could soon be settled by Henry as to its practicability - Will you do so, or will you note. I do not wish to keep the matter in this uncertain state, (as far as Henry is concerned), any longer. I have confidence that it may prove to be one of your great successes -

Yrs Truly  
E. W. Andrews

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Dec 22. 78

Dear Sir

About a year ago while in New York Mr Edison showed me an arrangement he had for repeating through business from one wire to another by means of a small metallic plate with a motor below to revolve it, and above a magnet with a point to indent and emboss paper similar to the way a Register does. Repeater was fixed by closing CKt when point sank in indent and opened by coming out again.

If they are still there (he never used them practically) I would like to buy them if not, to get some say two manufacturers. Capacity of plate should be at least two hundred words - Please state price etc as early as possible -

Yours Respctly

A Pattison

W. H. Tel Co

W H Griffin Esq  
Menlo Park N J

John W. Foster  
Quincy W. Sawyer  
Geo. W. H. Stone  
Chas. Francis Stone  
George L. Kaula

P.O. Box 1836

Porter, Lowrey, Loren & Stone,  
Attorneys & Counsellors at Law.

No. 3 Broad Street, (BRICK BUILDING.)

New York, Dec 23<sup>d</sup> 1878

Dear Sir:

By direction of Mr. Lowrey, I send you  
herewith a paper which he has received from Mr.  
Prescott. Please inform him if it is to be  
signed, and if so he will sign same -

Yours very Respy

E. W. Griffith

Thos. A. Edison Esq  
Menlo Park

New Jersey

Wadell vs. W  
G. P. Lowrey

Regarding a paper Mr  
Prescott sent him  
for signature  
Said paper returned  
Dec 26, 78.

Executive Office  
Western Union Telegraph Company  
New York Dec. 23 1878

Mr P. A. Edison

Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of this date received and contents noted. I have consulted with the President regarding the employment of Kinney, and he states that he is firmly of the opinion that until Mr Andrews has given up the contract which he has seen, he Mr A will prefer a claim upon any invention covered by said contract.

He therefore would not be in favor of adding (25) twenty five dollars per week for the employment of Kinney until you have retired the contract, although he would not have any objection to a portion of the

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regular weekly allowance being applied for that purpose.

The President I know has not any understanding with Mr Andrews, but has discussed the matter with him, and Andrews has signified that he would not be unreasonable regarding the matter.

I would therefore suggest that you return this contract if possible, and then we can proceed without any embarrassment. When you have time I should be very happy to have you drop in. Have you made any progress with my things? Wishing you every success

Dear Sir  
Sincerely, M. K. Kernby, Vice Pres.

George B. Prescott  
Electrician

Electrician's Office  
Western Union Telegraph Company  
New York, Dec 23 1877

Friend Edison,

I shew you the letter of the English Post  
Office Authorities of October 15<sup>th</sup> saying the Madras  
matter should receive consideration. I have heard  
nothing from them since. I think the best thing  
we can do is to place the matter in the hands  
of Henry Weaver Esq. for negotiation. He knows  
all the parties, and is smart straightforward  
and honest. If you concur in this suggestion  
I will write to him at once.

Yours truly  
George B. Prescott

Best all  
wishes I believe  
Weaver is just  
what to do it

Office of

Union Fire Alarm Telegraph Co.,

Room 7

126 Fulton Street (Second Floor).

A. TENNEY, President.  
C. H. POND, Manager.

New York, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1878

Thos. A. Edison Esq.

Mills Park

Vulcanized Fibre Co.

Dear Sir

Dynastrian Cor

Church Street

Please address me by

return mail when I can get  
Vulcanized Fibre to the best advantage  
and what quality or grade (if  
several are made) would be  
best suited for signal box use.

I rec'd a long letter from  
H. P. Chis today in which he  
goes for you slightly. I will  
bring it out in a day or two. I  
am pegging away at the type & have  
made some headway & feel assured  
of ultimate success. Gordon folks  
are also receiving frequent visits & are doing  
what they can for me. Yrs truly  
C. H. Pond



Geo Norris.

Lawyer

Evening Post Building  
NY

Telegram

Received by Mr. Edison

I will be in on Thursday at 9 o'clock and can  
tell you all I know in fifteen minutes.  
Edison

THE MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY,

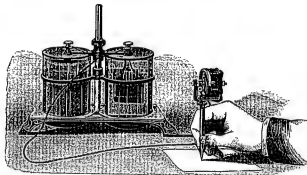
NEW YORK.

*Wm. W. W.*

Please let me know  
by air early tomorrow  
what time you will be  
here. *W. W. W.*

File ~~100~~  
for you *Quadrangle*

# EDISON'S ELECTRICAL PEN AND DUPLICATING PRESS.



CHAS. BACHELOR, General Agent for Foreign Countries.  
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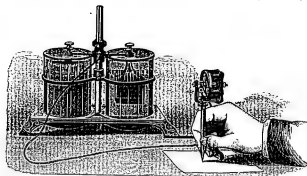
They claim that the stock being sold to you for the patents and improvements <sup>to one year</sup> only in Dec 4<sup>th</sup> after the company had been incorporated in Apr of same year the whole account previous to such sale was invalid and included in such sale

They claim that all experimenting in 1875 must be included in such sale as part thereof

They claim that the were furnished for one between 52 Broadway and 91 Liberty St was part of the apparatus for showing that invention and consequently no charge ought to be made & also it is charge by B. C. Miller who he

They claim that the minutes of a meeting at which the bill of Edison & Murray was

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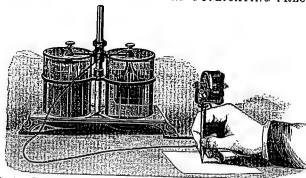
apparently allowed ~~with~~ subject to a reduction  
of \$150 dollar overcharge was allowed by  
Edison & Murray as trustees but objected  
to by J B Edison the remaining trustee but  
carried over his objection.

They claim that the minutes of the meeting  
of incorporators show that trustees were  
~~not~~ elected July 27 and patents etc later  
and the transfer in sec 4 of the act  
& then all claims to that date were  
settled by transfer according to reading  
of those minutes and contract

They claim that you received \$100 from  
Hawes which we have not on our bill

They claim that the 'Repeater' bill

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but in by you and turned over by Goldwin  
by you they have but can never use because  
it is a direct infringement on Gamewell

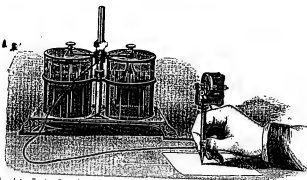
they claim that the experimental group  
which is charged \$50 for they have not  
having been taken by Murray and  
recharged by him for \$125 which is paid

they claim that they owe you \$131.57

they claim that the minutes of the  
meeting show that you said you would  
not ask the company for your bill  
until it would not embarrass them  
to pay same

they claim they have not enough

EDISON'S LIGHT



CHAS. BATHURST, General Agent for Foreign Countries.  
P. O. Box 9807.

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money to pay even this 131<sup>50</sup> without  
being embarrassed but will make up  
the same to have the thing squared  
up before the General comes home

I claim that in addition to this 130<sup>50</sup>  
even if you allow all experimental work  
you ought to be paid for all Battery material  
instruments tables etc which would make  
it up to 448<sup>65</sup>

although a great deal of this was furnished  
previous to Dec 4 1874 but which was  
material furnished to the incorporators  
to show the invention and also all those  
improvements which involved an outlay  
of money

Form 48, Large.

(Wadswort 1878)?

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## In Account with The Atlantic &amp; Pacific Telegraph Company.

	Dec 13	Exp. Fine Alarm	121	20
	" 19	" "	108	00
Apr 4		Pat Office Model	35	00
		Exp. New Receiver	72	
Apr 13		" " "	47	
" 30		" " "	100	00
June 2		" Bell & Receiver	26	00
June 3		Pat Office Model	25	
" 21		Exp. New Receiver -	31	00
Oct 4		Exp. Box	24	
Nov 7		" Receiver	48	
" 13		" "	36	
" 20		" "	29	40
" 25		" "	18	
Nov 27		" Box	12	
Jan 16		Sheet Fine Alarm Box	131	00
Feb 8		Pat Off mod.	36	
Apr 23		alteration Records	10	40
" 27		" "	6	
May 24		Expenses Gong.	80	
			1385	70
			150	31
			1285	49

Dec 13. Carson collector too from C. L. Hawes. early bank  
 of Jan 1876 without

Incorporated 10 April 1874  
 Company begins 10 April 1874  
 Transfer elected - July 27 1874



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## In Account with The Atlantic &amp; Pacific Telegraph Company.

Dec 1 1874 Stock was issued they claim all  
 account before this was included in this  
 according to contract. "that he should  
 continue to invent at expenses at his own  
 expense for a year"

1723	14
1235	49
487	68

Repeater not allowed because  
 this a direct infringement  
 on Gamewell

The Quadruplex

Edison to have  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the amount which may be got from The Western Union for a Release of the full title to the Quadruplex

The remaining  $\frac{3}{4}$  to be applied to payment of fees of W. H. Butler, Genl Butler, Latrobe & Myers

Russell to have  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the balance. Reiff  $\frac{1}{6}$

The death of Orton strengthens the case for Harrington's title

Harrington will give the necessary evidence to defeat the claim under the deed of 1 Jan'y 1875 transferring the quadruplex to Gould for one dollar

I can effect a compromise if Edison will help me to do it. He can indicate the terms of the compromise through me

As to the Automatics

What is a separate matter - to be treated after we have got rid of the Quadruplex controversy

As to the title to the Patents

Gould's answer amounts to nothing. It contains no denial of the case made by the Bill and consequently a Decree will be taken that he shall reassign the Patents to Harrington and Edison or to the American Automatic Telegraph Company.

The Agreement between Harrington & Gould upon which Harrington gave Gould the deed of Assignment of the Automatic Patents dated

upon the understanding that the 4 millions of Stock was to be given as per Schedule will be proved by Harrington and not denied by Gould. He has admitted it by his answer by not denying it.

The A & P. have only stepped into his shoes so as to become entitled to Harrington's individual share of the proceeds of the Patents and Edison's share also

The Automatic system to be perfected by Edison  
and the Original Patents in conjunction with the  
new improvements made by Edison in Automatic  
Telegraphy to be sold and the proceeds divided as  
follows

Thomas A. Edison	one third part
The American Automatic Telegraph Company, Mr. Ripell and Mr. Keiff	Two thirds

If Mr. Edison will say that he can improve  
the Automatic an advantageous bargain can be  
made with the Western Union.

They will prefer Edison's inventions in  
Automatic to Frost & Randall's

Edison to determine what the Western Union  
shall pay for the original Automatic Patents coupled  
with his improvements

1878. Telegraph - Litigation (D-78-037)

Answers to bill of complaint.

All selected.

United States Circuit Court  
for the Southern District of New York

George Harrington & Thomas A  
Edison

— against —

The Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph  
Company and Jay Gould

In  
Equity

The separate answer of Jay Gould, one of the defendants in the above entitled action to the bill of complaint of George Harrington and Thomas A. Edison, complainants.

This defendant, now & at all times hereafter saving & reserving unto himself all benefit & advantage of exception which can or may be had or taken to the many errors, uncertainties & other imperfections in the said complainants said bill of complaint contained for answer thereto, or unto so much & such parts thereof as this defendant is advised is or are material or necessary for him to make answer unto, this defendant

answering saith.

First: This defendant avers that he has not at any time used or licensed any other person to use any of the inventions mentioned in the bill of complaint & that he has never manufactured, used or sold or licensed any other person or persons to manufacture, use or sell any articles or things containing any of the said inventions, & that he does not now use the same or any of them or any articles or things containing the same or any of them & he does not claim any right, title or interest in the said inventions or any of them & this defendant doth disclaim all or any right, title or interest in the said inventions or any of them.

And this defendant denies all & all manner of fraud or fraudulent or unlawful combination and confederacy wherein with he is by the said bill charged, without this, that there is any other matter, cause or thing in

the said complainants said bill of complaint contained, material or necessary for this defendant to make answer unto, & not herein & hereby well & sufficiently, answered, confessed, traversed & avoided or denied is not true to the knowledge or belief of this defendant. all of which matters & things this defendant is ready & willing to aver, maintain & prove, as this Honorable Court shall direct, & humbly prays to be hence dismissed with his reasonable costs & charges in this behalf most wrongfully sustained.

W<sup>m</sup> Daniel Lummis & Southern Day Gould.  
Solicitors for def<sup>t</sup> Gould.

Southern District of New York S.S.  
Day Gould, being duly sworn says, that he is one of the defendants in the foregoing answer named, that he has read the same, & knows the contents thereof & that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to those mat-



therein stated to be alleged an in-  
formation & belief as to those matters  
he believes it to be true

Sworn to this 22<sup>nd</sup> day } Jay Gould.

of August, 1878, before  
me at New Haven Ct

Edmund Lyon

Notary Public Kings Co.

Cert filed in 1878

United States Circuit Court  
for the Southern District of New York

George Harrington and  
Thomas A. Edison

against

Answer

The Atlantic & Pacific  
Telegraph Company, in-  
sured with Jay Lloyd

The several clauses of the  
Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company  
to the Bill of Complaint of George  
Harrington and Thomas A. Edison  
testaments. The defendant men  
and at all times hereafter saving  
and reserving unto itself all benefit  
and advantage of exception which  
can or may be had or take to  
be many errors, uncertainties and  
other imperfections in the said  
Complainant's said Bill of Complaint  
contained, for answer thereto or unto  
so much and such parts thereof as  
the defendant is advised is or are  
material or necessary for it to make

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ing, patti.

Defendant admits the  
allegation in the articles of the  
bill of complaint numbered respec-  
tively 1<sup>st</sup>, 5, 7, 22, 23, and 24.

3. Defendant denies that the above allegation in the affidavit of the Little Rock Saint, numbered respectively 1, 15, 20, 27, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 50.

Third: The defendant admits the allegations in the article of said bill numbered 2, except that it denies that the title of the complainant's letters Patent No. 13,343, was alleged and admitted, or any of them, was subject to the right or interest of any other parties whatsoever, at any time while the assignment thereof to the defendant was good, as hereinafter mentioned.

The defendant admits that it claims the right to use the inventions described in the second article of the

complaint under and by virtue of the  
statute cited in article numbered  
20a.

It denies each and every other  
allegation in said bill mentioned  
and contained. It admits the  
execution, delivery and record  
of the deed mentioned in the article  
numbered 20. but denies that the  
sum or any provision thereof was  
for the benefit of any parties other  
than the complainants.

Fourth. It has no knowledge or  
information sufficient to form a be-  
lief as to any of the allegations in  
the fourth, twelfth and thirty fifth  
articles of said bill of complaint.

Fifth. It admits the allegations  
in the first paragraph of the sixth  
article of said bill of complaint, ex-  
cept that it denies that the title  
to the said patents and inventions  
or any of them is now in the com-  
plainants or either of them in any  
proportion whatever or in any man-  
ner whatever. It has no knowledge

or information sufficient to form a belief as to any other of the allegations in said last mentioned article except that it denies that the patents, drafts and documents mentioned in said article were at the commencement of this suit or now, and in the office therein mentioned or were, at that time in the possession or under the control of the complainants.

Sixth: It admits the allegations in the first paragraph in the eighth article of said bill of complaint. It has no knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to any of the allegations in the second, third and fourth paragraphs thereof. It denies the allegations in the last paragraph of said article and each and every of them.

Seventh. It admits that George Harrington was in ill-health and about to leave the United States on

that he and Thomas A. Edison executed and delivered respectively the deeds in the ninth article mentioned, and that to obtain and issue 40,000 shares of the stock of this defendant would involve considerable delay. But it avers that this delay was not the reason why such deeds were executed and delivered; and it denies each and every other allegation in the ninth article of said bill of complaint.

Eighth. It admits that the deed mentioned in the tenth article of the bill of complaint was delivered to the defendant Jay Gould and that the latter therein mentioned was also delivered to him. It denies each and every other allegation in said tenth article contained. It avers upon its information and belief that the said letter was not delivered to the said Jay Gould until about two weeks after the deed therein mentioned was delivered to him and that the terms and conditions

mentioned in said letter were not<sup>432</sup>  
annexed or agreed to be annexed  
to the said delivery but that the  
same was absolute and that the  
payments in the bill of complaint  
mentioned and other payments here  
inafter awarded were made by him  
and by this defendant in full pay-  
ment and satisfaction of the price  
of the inventions mentioned in the  
bill of complaint and that the  
complainant has received there-  
for consideration agreed to be paid  
therefor and has no further claim  
against this defendant or said  
Jay Gould for any portion of such  
consideration. It admits that the  
deed and the letter mentioned in  
the Eleventh article of the bill of  
complaint were delivered to the said  
Jay Gould ~~for any portion of such~~  
~~consideration.~~ It admits that he  
has not by other allegation in said  
Eleventh article contained.  
Fourth. It admits that it received  
possession of the land of the said

and appurtenances mentioned in the  
fourteenth article of the bill of com-  
plaint under certain written stipu-  
lations to which this defendant  
craves leave to refer. It admits that  
after receiving possession of the said  
line and appurtenances it did use  
some of the patents in the bill of  
complaint mentioned. It denies each  
and every other allegation in said  
fourteenth article except that it  
has no knowledge or information  
sufficient to form a belief as to  
what the said Harrington and his  
associates and the said Jay Gould  
assumed.

It admits that the deeds  
mentioned in the fifteenth article  
of the complaint were recorded as  
then stated and that it procured  
certain machines and apparatus pat-  
ented by the said Edison, and worked  
the same on its lines.

It denies each and every other  
allegation in the fifteenth article of  
said bill of complaint. It admits to



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loan to the Automatic Telegraph  
company, mentioned in the sixteenth  
article of the bill of complaint and  
it avers upon its information and  
belief that it was agreed between  
the Plaintiff and the said Gould  
that when the deed of conveyance  
of the patents and other property  
mentioned in the bill of complaint  
should be delivered to this defendant  
and that when the contracts with  
rail road companies mentioned in  
the bill of complaint should be  
procured and assigned to this  
defendant the amount so loaned  
should be credited on and treated  
as part of the price to be paid  
therefor. And it avers that it  
never agreed to buy said loan.

It denies each and every other  
allegation in said sixteenth article  
contained.

Sixth. This defendant admits  
that J. C. Reiff has applied to it  
at different times and made to it

with more or less fullness the statements contained in the bill of complaint and that at one time owing to the illness of Thomas A. Eckert the President of this defendant this defendant declined to consider the matter at that time. It further admits that it did in answer to some of the statements made to it by said Reiffstate and insist upon the failure of the parties interested in the Automatic Telegraph Company to conclude the contracts between them and the Erie Railway Company, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, which are mentioned in the memorandum marked Exhibit D, and to assign them to this defendant and it denies each and every allegation in the Seventeenth article of said bill of complaint not herein before admitted. Eleventh. This defendant denies each and every allegation in the Eighteenth article of the bill of

complaint exceptions contained in the second paragraph thereof which it admits.

Sixth. This defendant admits that certain notices were delivered to and by the persons mentioned in the nineteenth article of the bill of complaint. It denies that the contents thereof are sufficiently set forth in the said article and errors leave to refer to the originals thereof.

It admits that George Harrington was in Europe at the time in said article mentioned but denies that he was unable to perform his duties as Trustee or that he had any such duties to perform in respect to the matters in said notices mentioned.

Defendant. This defendant admits the delivery of the deed in the twenty-first article mentioned, but denies that the same was delivered with the expectation and belief therein alleged. This defendant admits that the Western Union Telegraph Company and George H. Beeson made certain claims substantially alleged in the twenty-fourth article of the bill of Complaint, the validity of which claim is in litigation between them and this defendant. It denies such and every other allegation in said twenty-fourth article contained. Twentieth: This defendant admits the allegations in the first sentence of the twenty-fifth article of the bill of Complaint contained. It denies such and every other allegation in the said article contained. It admits the allegations <sup>of the twenty-fourth article</sup> of the bill of Complaint, except that it denies on information and belief that Edison was wronged or operate with

14. *Reiff, McManus and Harrington*  
 or that he agreed to comply with the  
 request alleged in the said article;  
 and it has no knowledge or in-  
 formation sufficient to form  
 a belief as to whether he made  
 any agreement with the associ-  
 ates therein mentioned on the sub-  
 ject therein alleged.

Fifteenth: This defendant ad-  
 mits that the defendant *Gould*,  
 caused the deed dated April 9, 1875,  
 to be recorded May 7, 1875, and  
 that he contracted to transfer to this  
 defendant whatever title he held  
 by virtue thereof and that this de-  
 fendant now claims the right to  
 use the patented inventions therein  
 described; and that the assign-  
 ment thereby made to said *Gould*  
 is valid and effectual in law;  
 and that the same was not de-  
 livered in escrow. It also admits  
 that it claims that it is not under  
 obligation to pay the consideration

specified in the said Hurrington's said letter, dated April 16, 1875 and in the memorandum dated December 30, 1874. It denies each and every allegation in the thirtieth article of said bill of complaint which is not in this article specifically admitted.

Sixteenth: This defendant admits that it claims to be a bona fide purchaser for value of the patents and inventions mentioned in the thirty-first article of the bill of Complaint as in said article is alleged. It denies each and every other allegation in said article contained.

It has no knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to what Hurrington and others supposed, as alleged in the thirty-third article of said bill and it denies each and every allegation of said article.

Seventeenth: This defendant has no knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief, as to any

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of the allegations contained in the  
thirty sixth and thirty seventh  
articles of the bill of complaint.  
Eighth: The defendant admits  
and avers that the defendant Gould  
said to the complainant, Harrington  
the sum of One hundred and thirteen  
thousand dollars. It has no know-  
ledge or information sufficient  
to form a belief as to the allegations  
in the said bill of complaint re-  
lating to the purchase from Samuel  
S. Parsons, in said bill of com-  
plaint mentioned, but it is in-  
formed and believes that the defen-  
dant Gould did purchase of said  
Parsons whatever interest he had  
claimed in said inventions: and  
said Gould assigned the same  
to the defendant. It denies each  
and every allegation in the thirty  
eighth article of the bill of complaint  
not hereinbefore admitted or av-  
ered. It avers that the said price  
was paid to the said Harrington in

payment and satisfaction for  
the patent and invention in the  
bill of complaint mentioned except  
those therein stated to have been the  
property of George Sittle.

Herrington: His defendant ad-  
mits that it makes the claim to  
own whatever was purchased by  
said Gould mentioned in the thirty-  
ninth article of the bill of complaint.  
It denies each and every other al-  
legation in said article contained.  
The defendant admits that it claims  
to have and own the full right and  
title to the inventions called in the  
fortieth article of the bill of com-  
plaint "the invention of duplex  
and quadruplex telegraphy." It  
also admits that it claims to own  
whatever interest Harrington, Parsons  
or Edison ever had at any time in  
any of the inventions mentioned  
and described in the bill of com-  
plaint, and in "the fruits and pro-  
ceeds thereof" and it denies each  
and every allegation in the fortieth



article of the bill of complaint  
not heretofore admitted

Tenthly: This defendant denies  
each and every allegation in the  
first paragraph of the forty-first  
article of the bill of complaint.  
It admits the other allegations of  
said article. It avers that the pur-  
chase from Mills for the sum of  
thirty thousand dollars mentioned  
in said article, was of all the  
inventions and interests men-  
tioned and described in Exhibit H,  
annexed to the bill of complaint,  
and that the object and purpose  
of the said purchase was as follows.  
It was claimed by some that the  
inventions in said Exhibit men-  
tioned were not included in the ar-  
rangement between said Harrington  
and said Edison of which a copy  
marked Exhibit I, is annexed to the  
bill of complaint, and that said  
Harrington had no power to sell  
the same, In order to obviate any

question of this sort this defendant made said purchase from said Mfgs.

Twenty first: This defendant admits the allegations in the first paragraph of the forty-third article of the bill of complaint contained. It admits that this defendant has repudiated the arrangements of December 30, 1874, for the reasons hereinafter stated, and that the owners of the Automatic system have had no part in the arrangement of this defendant's business. It also admits upon its information and belief, that a portion of the telegraph line from New York to Washington became dilapidated, and was for that reason taken away by this defendant. But it is informed and believes that this was in consequence of its defective construction, and was done to preserve the lives of the public, and for no other reasons.

It also admits that a portion of said line was taken away, but

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avows upon its information and belief that the same was seized and taken on legal process to pay debts of said Automatic Telegraph Company. This defendant denies each and every other allegation in said forty third article.

Twenty-second: This defendant avows that on or about April 29, 1878, said John M. Coffey requested this defendant not to admit him or his associates to participate in the management of the affairs and business of this defendant, or to have a representative on its Executive Committee, and not to pay any money to them or any of them, and this defendant about the same time was notified by W. C. Dallett Junior not to pay any money to Josiah T. B. B.

Twenty-third: This defendant admits that there has been no development of the inventions described in the forty-fourth article of the bill of complaint, and, that Edison has

refused to put the same on the  
defendants' lines, it has no knowledge  
or information sufficient to form  
a belief as to whether there are any  
such inventions or improvements.  
It denies each and every other al-  
legation in said article contained.

Fourth: This defendant avers  
that it never had any knowledge  
notice or information of any kind  
that the complainant George Har-  
ington had not full power and  
authority to sell the inventions and  
patents mentioned and described  
in the bill of complaint and to re-  
ceive the price thereof. And it did  
in good faith and for a valuable  
consideration purchase the same of  
the defendant Gould and of Samuel W.  
Hills. And it is informed and be-  
lieves that the defendant Gould pur-  
chased the same of the complain-  
ants in good faith and for a val-  
uable consideration and that the  
complainants have no right, title  
or interest therein or any part thereof.

Twenty-fifth: This defendant first 418  
answering the said bill of complaint,  
says, that before the filing of the said  
bill it received from the complain-  
ant George Harrington full license  
and authority to use each and  
every of the inventions mentioned,  
and described in the bill of com-  
plaint, and that such license is  
still in force and unrevoked. And  
it avers and charges upon its  
information and belief that the  
said George Harrington never  
authorized the filing of said bill,  
nor the insertion of his name as  
a party to this suit.

Twenty-sixth: This defendant, for  
the answering the said bill of  
Complaint, says, upon its infor-  
mation and belief, that the memo-  
randum dated December 30, 1874,  
was abandoned and given up  
by all the parties thereto during  
before the summer of 1875, it that  
time it was ascertained that it  
was not a novelty for the purpose

and Josiah C. Kiff to obtain the contracts with railroad companies mentioned in said memorandum.

Twenty-fourth: This defendant further answers the said bill of Complaint, says upon its information and belief that the causes of action mentioned in said bill of Complaint have been assigned to and were at the time of the filing of said bill and are now the property of The American Automatic Telegraph Company and not the plaintiffs.

Twenty-fifth: This defendant makes the following answers to the Interrogatories in the bill of Complaint, contained, which in and by said bill it is required to answer.

To the fourth Interrogatory provided they were served on this defendant, but this defendant has no knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to whether they were served on said Gould.

To the fifth Interrogatory it answers

To the sixth Interrogatory it answers:  
No.

To the seventh Interrogatory it answers  
That it obtained possession of  
the property mentioned in said  
Interrogatory at the time therein  
mentioned, as security for certain  
advances made to the complain-  
ant Harrington and other advances  
subsequently made to said Auto-  
matic Telegraph Company <sup>and</sup>  
otherwise.

To the eighth Interrogatory it answers  
That it did buy of George Little the  
whole and entire title to all the  
patents issued to him, as mentioned  
in the Bill of Complaint, but with-  
out any reference to the stock of  
this defendant or to the manner an-  
dum dated December 30, 1874.

All which matters and things this  
defendant is ready and willing  
to aver, maintain and prove, as  
this Honorable Court shall direct  
and humbly prays to be hence,

dismissed with its reasonable  
costs and charges in this behalf  
most wrongfully sustained.



The Atlantic & Pacific Tel. & C.  
By A. B. Chandler  
Secretary.

McC Daniel Lummis & Southern  
Sols. for Defendant  
The Atlantic and Pacific  
Telegraph Company

Ernest W. Wheeler  
of counsel.

United States of America } S.S.  
Southern District of New York }

Albert Chandler

being duly sworn does depose  
and say, that he is the Secretary  
of the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph  
Company, one of the defendants  
named in the foregoing answer  
subscribed by him, and sealed  
with the seal of said Company



that he had owned the same and known 41  
the contents thereof, and that the  
same is true of his own knowledge  
except as to those matters therein  
stated on information and belief and as to those matters he  
believes them to be true  
subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day  
of August 1894 at New York

(L.S.)

Edmund Lyon  
Notary Public Kings Co.  
Not filed in N.Y. Co.

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Correspondence, some by Edison; memoranda, agreements, orders, receipt, circulars, clippings.

Not selected: duplicate copies of correspondence, duplicate circulars.



Chicago Jan'y 8 1878

A. A. Edison Esq.,

Marble Park, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Gray's telephone is as follows. He has a cast iron keeper or magnet hung into the shape of a handle. So one end is attached a small plate, through which the current of three cells Calloway battery is constantly closed. The other end is connected to the diaphragm. Attached to the magnet mentioned but insulated from it is another small coil which connects to the line. The coil is split up to give induction of charge & discharge. The current in magnet No. 1 induces magnet in coil in No. 2 & the movement of the diaphragm throws the impulse to line as usual. The action of the telephone is about as loud as Bell's but the articulation is very much better. The Bell telephone deteriorates and Gray's arrange more wide & deeply be constant. I do not think it can be compared to your & Edison's of time and believe your articulation especially well although the



Chicago 1878

Advantage if any is in that direction. It is a better thing than Bell's but they have all got to be better than yet. accomplished to keep your instrument from decaying the full practically. Gray has made a fair proposition which is to put in all his foreign telephones patent including Harmonica into a pool with yours at a small minimum price. His ideas of price are very reasonable and I believe would strengthen matters. What would you think of this on the basis of 50 cent valuation of something like that?

Respectfully

Geo. H. Plesner

G. H.

Cedar Hill Mass. Jan. 3rd.

Mrs L. Edison

Dear Sir

I give a good many  
lectures throughout the telephone and  
I should be extremely glad to have one  
of your patent simply for lecture pur-  
poses, also your Phonograph, if you  
have any made or will permit me to  
make one - giving directions. I should  
be able to interest a good many in  
your work.

So if you can furnish  
me with either or both please to let me  
know at what cost and obliging you.

If you will permit me to do so  
I should be glad to publish in the next  
edition of my book on the telephone  
a description of both those instruments.  
I should have been glad to have had  
your telephone described in the first edition  
but it was finished before I had heard  
of it. That is, it was written last year.

Yours truly

A. E. Dackear

Blank No. 1.

# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The name of this Company appears that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blank of this Company, which and placed in the suitable printed enclosure, which enclosures have been supplied by the Company for the purpose of insuring messages.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't; New York.  
A. R. BREWER, Sec'y.

Dated January 26th 1878  
Received at Menlo Park  
On Thos. & D. Edison

I want platina Rubber  
Tube and tin for telephone

10 Collected J. J. Murray



Rec'd Edison.

The W. U. are making 700 Gray battery telephones, in an order. When Barton was in N.Y. he was given an order for 6000 cc magnets & \$4,000 and 3000 cc telephones. Above the time of Otten's trial of your telephone the \$4,000 cc part of order was countermanded. The \$1,000 cc part stood on Gray & Barton's agreement to Mr. Otten that they would be built. Factory - Gray's experiments have not been satisfactory to him and for so they are not started. Gray is going to exhibit in White's dental department at the French Exposition. They are just sending a man over to push large telephone interest in Europe so Barker will have a third man to encounter or well as Rich.

Yrs LTB



J. T. MURRAY,  
MANUFACTURER OF  
TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENTS,  
NO. 14 & 12 WARD STREET.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 5. 1878

Dated Philadelphia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo 2<sup>d</sup> 1878  
To Mr. A. Edison

Esteemed friend,

I am calm, waiting  
for the battery telephone,  
promised yesterday or

today. I am the more  
anxious as Asa Merrill  
is trying to work the Volta  
Magneeto telephone today he  
towers Wilmington Del and  
this City - 30 miles. I am  
satisfied that if I had your  
help now within a few  
days I can make my  
test. Yrs H. Sculler

Chas. Batchelor Esq

Sir  
I lost the piece of cork  
of Diaphram can you send me  
sample I got Rubber Tube  
pieces like sample -  
Please send me cork as  
soon as possible as Jim  
has no guide for Model  
of Cork I am to blame

Truly yours  
J. T. Murray

I had to make punch  
cut Platina



THOS. A. EDISON ESQ.

MENLO PARK, N. J.

DEAR SIR:

YOUR NOTE OF THE 3RD IS AT HAND.  
AM GLAD TO HEAR THAT THE BELL PEOPLE ARE  
GOING TO ~~THEIR~~ CONSOLIDATE WITH THE WESTERN UNION  
PEOPLE.

IF THE EDISON, BELL, GRAY & OTHER PATENTS  
ARE CONSOLIDATED THE BUSINESS CAN BE HELD AND  
I BELIEVE WILL PROVE THE MOST PROFITABLE COMBINA-  
TION EVER MADE IN THIS COUNTRY.

THE WESTERN UNION  
CO. WITH IT'S RAMIFICATIONS ARE THE ONLY ONES  
WHO CAN WATCH THE WHOLE TERRITORY AND KEEP IN-  
FRINGERS OUT.

IT WILL BE HARD WORK ANY WAY.

ALREADY  
Y I HEAR OF PARTIES AT DIFFERENT POINTS WHO  
OFFER TELEPHONES AT VERY SMALL RATES.

IF THERE  
SHOULD BE NO COMBINATION AND AN EXPENSIVE AND  
LONG FIGHT BE INAUGERATED THE WHOLE BUSINESS WOULD  
GO TO THE DOGS THE SAME AS THE HILL AND CALLAUD  
BATTERY PATENTS WERE DISSIPATED.

I SHOULD VERY  
MUCH LIKE TO SEE A COMBINATION IN FOREIGN COUN-  
TRIES AND BELIEVE YOU WILL YET BE CONVINCED OF  
THE WISDOM OF IT.

THE WESTERN ELECTRIC ROYALTY  
STATEMENT FOR NOV. & DEC. WAS SENT TO YOU ON THE  
1ST AND IF NOT AT HAND I WILL SEND YOU A DU-  
PLICATE.

I WILL SEE THAT YOU GET THIS STATEMENT  
REGULARLY EACH MONTH HEREAFTER.

IN REGARD TO FUNDS  
YOU WILL GET A LIST THAT WILL BE GRATIFYING  
VERY SOON.



T. A. EDISON ESQ.

MENLO PARK, N. J.

DEAR SIR:

YOUR NOTE OF 5TH AT HAND.

GLAD TO  
HEAR OF THE SUCCESSFUL WORKING OF YOUR TELE-  
PHONE AND I DONT SEE HOW IT CAN FAIL TO.  
BE THE ONE FINALLY ADOPTED FOR PRACTICAL USE  
WHERE-EVER A BATTERY INSTRUMENT IS REQUIRED.

IT  
SEEMS QUITE WELL UNDERSTOOD HERE THAT THE  
BELL PARTY WILL COME INTO THE WESTERN UNION  
CAMP AND I THINK IT IS THE SENSIBLE THING  
FOR THEM TO DO.

THE WAY TO MAKE MONEY IN THE  
TELEPHONE FIELD IS TO JOIN FORCES AND PRESENT  
A SOLID FRONT.

THERE WILL BE ENOUGH OF THE  
SPOILS TO SATISFY ALL IF THE BASIS OF AGREE-  
MENT IS EQUITABLE.

IF THE W. U. PEOPLE CARRY  
THEIR POINT THEY WONT MIND PILING UP A GOOD  
HIGH SCRAP HEAP.

RESPECTFULLY,

*Geo. H. Bliss*  
GEN. MAN.



220 to 232 KINZIE ST.

Chicago. FEB. 9TH, 1887

T. A. EDISON ESQ.  
MENLO PARK, N.J.

DEAR SIR:

PLEASE SEND ME OUT A PAIR OF  
YOUR TELEPHONES WITH A BILL IF YOU WISH.  
THE PEOPLE HERE ARE ANXIOUS TO TRY THEM.  
IF YOU WANT SOME TO GO ABROAD WE WILL  
MAKE YOU SOME FIGURES ON THEM.

I SUPPOSED YOU  
HAVE THE CLAIMS MADE SO NO ONE CAN INJURE  
YOUR PATENTS.

IF THE THING IS REALLY THE BEST  
I WILL TRY BRING THESE PEOPLE ROUNDT TO THE SAME  
VIEW.

THE BEST IS BOUND TO WIN AND THEY MAY  
AS WELL COME TO IT FIRST AS LAST.

RESPECTFULLY,

Gen. H. Bliss  
GEN. NAN.

W. C. Dodge for Post.

W. C. Dodge for Post.

The Ansonia Clock Co.

No. 207-216 Cliff Street.

A. H. Charles, Secy & Treas.

H. J. Gray, Asst. Mgr. & Supt.

New York Feb 16 1887.  
D. C. Edison Esq.  
Dear Sir  
I am sorry that the time  
will be hard on both for  
telephones. I will try to  
please you as much as I can  
now. I am  
Respectfully Yours  
Wm J. Davis





Mr. D. G. -

During 2-10 to hand-  
I cannot go into the foreign  
thing or ask anyone to do it,  
unless I have some security that  
it will not be poured into  
a rat hole if any is obtained.  
I don't see any reason why  
you or anyone else can hope  
to get anything on the present  
basis: I am in favor of letting  
things soak! No security too much  
to be fooled one sixth or eighth  
more in some direction by the  
same men. I don't pay! The  
basis must be defined, & the  
things handled by some men first!

2

all negotiations on Bell HUK  
will be formally closed to. Moreover  
Bell & will be put into a stock  
his instead of trust concern as  
now & a fight made on Will  
& all inquiries at once. This  
is now in the top shape! Now let  
E crowd me for decision &  
purchase or a release on his  
Telephone. Go see him & have  
him come down here this week  
without fail! There are some  
things he wants to see to, or  
he won't get any patent on some  
of his important <sup>telephone</sup> claims. There  
is some jiggery going on & things  
he can't write about or anyone  
else. Write me when he will  
come W. H. B.  
you come too soon

My DVE

I meant to show  
you this & forgot  
it. note what it

says about Telephone  
Co. & your coming  
to Washn -

Yours  
Ed Johnson

Philadelphia Local Telegraph Company.  
GOLD AND STOCK REPORTING TELEGRAPH.

Superintendents Office,

Henry Gentley.



PRESIDENT.

Philadelphia.

107 S. Third St.

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Irving Edison.

That pair of  
Edison Telephones which you sent  
me, as per agreement, a week or  
two since are magnificent. I really  
cannot tell how delighted Prof.  
Baker of the University of Kansas  
and several others — Scientific  
gentlemen — were <sup>and</sup> overcome by them  
having waited so long and anxious  
for them since our great effort  
on No. 7 Street.

Although I did not promise  
to send you notice of the progress,  
my brother, I do so nevertheless.  
and may you behold us near your  
side, going faithfully working and never  
relaxing, but always progressing. Bestellings

HENRY BENTLEY, President  
WM. P. WHEATLAND, Sec'y and Treas.  
SAMUEL M. PLUSH, Superintendent.  
HARRISON STILES, Manager.

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Philadelphia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo. 21<sup>st</sup> 1878.

Friend Edison.

I have yours of yesterday, and I also received information from the gentlemen to whom you refer in your letter to-day, that it was desired to have me express an opinion upon the merits of your Carbon Telephone. You may rest assured, my friend, that everything possible to be done, will be done, and also any point, that in our opinion can be improved, I shall hasten to inform you, that you may have every chance possible, to sustain yourself before this wicked world. The sooner you send them the better it will please me, and for a reason, which I will explain to you hereafter, I hope you will send a <sup>short</sup> couple of pair immediately—that is in case you can do so without unduly completing them. I saw a little phonograph cylinder over in the Gold & Stock room the other day when I was in New York.

Is it not possible for you to let me have one of those for a short period in my big room at Third Chestnut etc. to show to some of the scientific men here? and I will take a heap of trouble to do <sup>it</sup> for you. Henry Bentley

so faithfully,  
Signed to letter to  
Mr. A. Edison.



Dr. Chestnut St.

Phila. 3rd 25/78

Friend Edison.

I saw Mr. O on Saturday and he seemed very much interested in the proposed trial of your Carbon Telephone by me.

I have a special reason for making this trial at as early a date as possible - if you have them so I can be so.

Of course I don't wish to hurry you unduly - but my reason is a good one and for your good - if it's good for anything.

That article in the "Sun" was truly great and that statement of your working to me in the interest of the "wire" is exciting a great number.

of inquiries of me from  
many sections — I presume  
on account of its not being  
entirely believed. I judge that  
such parties are to be feared  
yet worse than that. I went to  
the office of the N.Y. Am. Saturday  
to see if I could get a few  
copies of it, but they had not a  
copy left. Perhaps you may  
have a few copies you could  
send me — or of some other  
paper which might have copied  
it entire. I have seen copies  
of portions of it in other papers  
but not ~~entire~~.  
I want to try and get it republished  
in the "Telegraph" here.

Yours truly  
Thos. A. Edison Esq. Newburyport  
Member Assoc.  
N.Y. N.Y.  
86.554-474  
179 Broadway

Blank No. 1.

# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rates of this Company require that all messages transmitted for transmission, shall be written on the blank sheet of this Company, which will subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions are also printed on the back of the enclosed blank sheet.

WILLIAM GORTON, President, New York  
A. H. BREWER, Secy.

Dated New York, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 1878

Received at St. A. Edison

By Merle Park

Pittetown has not any of  
wise that you want will  
I order if can get in two  
days answers

James Adams  
20 new Church St

20 NY  
Chas. H. Co



THOS. A. EDISON ESQ.  
MENLO PARK, N.J.  
DEAR SIR:

YOURS OF 22ND AT HAND.

GRAY USES  
A CONDENSER ROUND SIGNAL BELLS WHICH ALLOWS ANY  
NUMBER OF OFFICES TO BE IN A TELEPHONE CIR-  
CUIT.

HE ALSO HAS A NEW ARRANGEMENT OF THE  
MAGNETO TELEPHONE SIMILAR TO BELLS WHICH I  
MUST SAY IS VERY CLEAR AND NICE. HE BENDS  
THE MAGNET IN THE MIDDLE AND BRINGS THE ENDS  
CONVENIENTLY NEAR TO EACH OTHER. TO EACH END  
OF THE MAGNET HE ATTACHES A TELEPHONE. BETWEEN  
THE TWO HE PLACES THE MOUTH PIECE AND THE  
AIR CHAMBER IS COMMON TO BOTH. BY THIS MEANS  
HE MAGNIFIES THE EFFECT OF THE VOICE SO AS  
TO USE A THICK DIAPHRAM WHICH OBVIATES TO  
A GREAT EXTENT THE INTERFERENCE SOUNDS AND  
MAKES THE VOICE COME VERY CLEAR EVEN ON CITY  
LINES. IT IS NOT SO LOUD BUT THE TALKING  
COMES CLEAR AND INTELLIGIBLE. IT IS A GREAT  
IMPROVEMENT OVER BELL'S VERY LOW CONVERSATION CAN  
BE UNDERSTOOD ON THE WIRE FROM THIS OFFICE TO  
CHAS. STAGGER'S ON THE SAME FOLKS ETC. MANY  
OTHER WIRE.

THE CHICAGO TIMES COPIED THE GUN  
ARTICLE. IT WAS GOOD. VERILY YOU ARE BETTER  
FAMOUS.

I SHALL BE EXCEEDINGLY GLAD TO GET THE  
PHOTOGRAPH IN ANY SHAPE. IS THAT WHAT YOU  
WANT FIGURED ON IN LOTS OF 500 OR 1000. I  
COULD NOT LAKE OUT FROM THE OTHER LETTER.

WRITE MOST OF MY LETTERS ON THE TYPE WRITER  
NOW PUT SIGN WITH THE PEN.

She said of writing for me  
my wife  
the 4. 11. 1878  
the 4. 11. 1878



OFFICE OF

A. B. Eaton.

OPTICIAN.

MANUFACTURER OF PRISMS, SPECTROSCOPES, ETC.,

66 NICHOLS STREET.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1878

Dear Edison

The glass  
you inquire for would have  
to be made specially for  
you, I do that kind of work  
and will undertake to do for you  
if you wish. The money would  
you require

Prof. Rigney and three or  
four other professional gentlemen  
have expressed a wish  
to call upon you at West  
Park, and see the wonders of  
the place. If you can spare  
any time when you will be

W. K. Easton  
sufficiently put me in,  
will send them to you.  
Yours,  
W. K. Easton

I may require a 1000, but want  
24 immediately. I use the disks  
which are ~~the~~ cleanest &  
flow the best for my Carbon  
telephone, for passing down the  
platinum disk on Carbon button  
by clearing you Ivory wood  
Vulcanite etc. smells or warps  
by heat due to pressure  
off current through Carbon  
How much per 100, or doz  
They must be flat, well  
seasoned & when  
new ones

(Feb. 27/75)

Wednesday -

Edin.

Wm. called  
me yesterday morning,  
and asked "what I  
knew about" Adams  
going to Phila. I told  
him that I was down  
to see you Monday,  
and you expected a  
t. g. down Tuesday  
evening - He said  
that Marsh had  
full instructions,

and that he had  
asked Bentley to  
give his personal  
aid and attention -

On closing the  
conversation he as  
good as said that  
four \$100. had got  
to do the "long  
and hard work  
of carrying lines -

I think he has  
great hopes of a  
good report from  
Phil & Misses

T  
Muller Feb 27. 78  
Telephone

(Feb)  
Thursday Mo

Edison. The assignment  
~~as all~~ application  
is satisfactory - no  
blame attached to  
anybody connected.

At a Telephone  
Co. meeting this  
P.M. Bush Co. was  
called upon to  
report progress on  
the E. T. Tel. He  
came on cutting  
by wire as to

"how thing was  
now working with  
him"

Prophet  
"No Edison, no  
Adams, No Telephone,  
no nothing from  
E. or anybody"

O. thinks he is  
ahead now, and  
says he "is waiting  
for a chance to  
buy your Machine  
and play for" —

3  
Say if E. has  
anything to sell  
to get it out.

Wanted to know  
if the sets of app  
for Phil were  
done and ready to  
go. I assured  
him that A. or some  
one would go down  
there tomorrow.  
John A. M.

Phil. March 4<sup>th</sup> 1878  
Mr. A. Edison

for record  
over 4-78

Telephones work O. K. call  
Bells dont work with Calland  
worked a 220 Mils current all  
right Mr Bentley said you know  
him one of the small Phonograph  
and there has been good many  
reporters here asking about it  
if you are going to send it down  
do so while I am here. If you have  
got a large one send it. Mr Bentley  
wrote to Mr. Orton about the ~~several~~  
arguments which was had that induction  
on phone wires not half as bad as  
New York. Send Phonograph to  
Mr Bentley it will help as more than  
you think Prof. Barker was here to  
day and heard telephone on a  
60 Mils ~~and~~ wire Bentley speaks well  
of teleph



Merle Park March 18/18

James Edman Esq

I shall send two instruments  
on a kite to test with  
new calls

Your

Chas. Patterson

C.

Receivers is not  
worth a god damn  
they are not strong enough  
magnetized, every body is delighted  
with telephones. Will you keep  
local No 7. so I can get you

any time,  
I don't forget Phonograph

new York 7/12/42. 4-6  
Calderson

manager returns robinson  
at philo, requests you to look  
out for him on no 7 &  
at three o'clock Bussey km for  
the test telephone sig  
downer



W. B. Buntley

Mar. 6. 78

Phila 3/6/78

Friend Edison:

I was going to suggest the very changes you are making - at least 3 of them. We have not had success with your Receivers for there was really scarcely any permanent mag. in them. We soon saw the trouble. But we look on that as of little importance as it is easily remedied. It seems to me as if there was no limit to this thing. I want to get the things now coming from you and then I

am going to bring the new  
Super down in. Of course  
to make up for the loss  
of power in the small  
induction coil I will  
put on more cells for  
a long test. With the  
arrangement as I want  
it I will let you know  
when to go over to Drexel  
in N.Y. and have a test  
on his wire this week  
one day. When I think  
of the limited scope of  
the Magneto this Carbon  
telephone seems odd.  
I want the Photograph  
now and then I will have  
a newspaper getting. After  
I am going to help Prof.  
Barkworth in his lecture  
after dinner. Missie will be  
Adams is doing it. H. Bentley.

OFFICE OF

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66 NENLY STREET,

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1875

Dear Sir,

I have been  
out of town and I should be  
anxious to see you.  
The glasses would be worth  
the single day, \$2.00 per day  
by the hundred much less.  
After making a careful  
estimate, I have definitely  
decided.

A. H. Eaton

J. A. E.

Phil. Med. & 78

Let them be experienced  
with diaphragm for Giant  
Sundown. Let us go could  
not get as much Sundown  
as from the Giant = Can  
transfer us any new ideas  
to try again - do so & will go for it  
I hope to hear from you

Gold & Stock Telegraphs Company,  
Western Union Buildings,  
New York.

NY: March 24/87.

George W. H. L. S.  
New York.

New York, March 24 1878

Thos. A. Edison Esq

Manhattan Park.

Dear Sir

Mr. O'Brien has handed  
me the letter of the Bethlehem Iron Co.  
of March 11<sup>th</sup>. The statements of it struck  
me with so much surprise that I have  
investigated the matter and find that  
since the first letter I probably did  
misjustice that your telephone was  
mentioned in it, as I receive  
just many such letters. I turned  
it over to Capt. Pratt, who in turn  
entrusted me to Capt. Merrick,  
in whose district Bethlehem is,  
although where the order would be  
executed. I have not learned  
what answer Mr. Merrick made.

It justifies the statement of  
you correspondent, it can only  
be because ~~we~~ we had no  
no information or instructions  
from this office as to any other  
than the Phelps' telephone, as  
we have had no other to send  
out. Mr. Scott understands, and  
will be all over in the office  
that they highest expectations  
are entertained here of the  
results to obtained in practice  
by the use of the telephone  
which you are now inspecting.

The Office,  
May 14, 1878

Respectful & yours

George M. Allen

V. D.

Form 233.

# American Dist. Telegraph Co.,

NEW YORK.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
432 Broadway,  
Messenger Department,  
33 & 35 BRIDGE ST.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
AND  
Auditor's Offices,  
516 BROADWAY.

*Conrad  
Henderson*

N. Y. Nch. 14 1878

J. A. Edison Esq

Meadow Park. - N. J.

Sir

It occurs to me that  
if you make the receiver of a  
telephone in the shape of  
a humming top and introduce  
the wire through the pin on  
which it revolves, that by  
spinning it by an electric  
motor you can increase or  
decrease the volume of  
sound at pleasure, according  
to the speed at which it spins.

Yrs. respt

Charles H. B. Ballis

S.E. corner 5<sup>th</sup> & Walnut Sts  
Philadd



Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company <sup>NW Staung Inc  
Mar 14, 78</sup>

Reading, Pa. March 14, 1878.

Wm. Edison

It is likely that we will need quite a number of telephones for different purposes at points along this road. I have tested Bell's and Phelps' but find that as far as their transmitters are concerned, they will not answer for the purposes required, the sound of their voices being too weak and overcome by the movement of trains and noise of telegraph sounders.

I tested your transmitter in Mr. Barthe's office, Philada, yesterday and must say that it is quite an improvement.

As soon as you have made all the required improvements both in your transmitter and receiver, I wish you could send me two of each for testing purposes.

along our road. I will  
give them a good test and  
should they meet our re-  
quirements I will see that  
they take the place of  
the bell and other telephone  
along this road and will  
also influence the Lehigh  
Valley and Panna. R. R. officials  
in the matter.

Yours truly  
J. M. Spang  
Capt. U.S.A.

P.S. I have my rail system  
of signaling in practical operation  
and it makes well on this  
road. As soon as business  
revives I will arrange for its  
introduction. At present R. R. Cos.  
are dead broke.

I send you a copy of circular on  
my Lightning Protection work.  
You will notice that I have  
made use of the mention made  
of me in your letter to me accompanying  
one from a party in Cincinnati.  
As you are the best electrician I  
have placed your testimonial at  
the head.

LAW OFFICES OF  
CHARLES H. T. COLLIS,  
ROBERT N. WILLSON,

8. E. Corner Fifth & Walnut Streets.

Philadelphia, Meh. 16 1898

Dear Sir

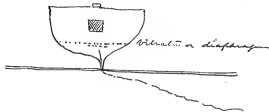
I don't know what the suggestion I made to you amounts to anything, but thought you might like to make the experiment -

As you know the spinning of a humming top generates sound, & it occurred to me it could be utilized to augment the volume of sound produced within itself by vibration - The trouble about the telephone now is its strain upon both the lungs & the ears -

J. A. Edison

Yrs Truly

Charles H. T. Collis



Gold & Rock Telegraphic Company

N<sup>o</sup>. 206 1/2

Western Union Buildings

George Willis,  
Per. President.

New York, N. Y. Nov 1878

Thos. A. Edison, Esq.  
Menlo Park  
New Jersey.

Dear Sir,

The Bethlehem Iron Co. of Bethlehem  
Penn are very anxious to have your instru-  
ments. We have sent them the Phelps,  
but they would prefer to try yours.

If you have three sets (transmitters  
and receivers) which you would be willing  
to send to them through Mr. Merriam at  
Philadelphia we should be extremely glad  
to try them. I have promised the Beth-  
lehem Co that, if you have not the in-  
struments ready as yet, they shall have  
them to substitute for Phelps' the moment  
we have any which you are  
satisfied that we shall send

to them.

Yours very truly,

George Wood

Vine Brook.



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Mt. Holly Springs, Pa., 187

Mt. Holly Springs, Pa., 11/16/87  
Prof. J. F. Hoover

I have read with  
very great interest and attention  
the different notices issued,  
in your wonderful and certainly  
unofficial publications, relative  
to the use of the Carbon  
in reference to experiments with  
Carbon Telegraph and Airphone.  
Would you please favor by inform-  
ing us whether the Carbon Telegraph  
could be attached to a common telegraph  
wire running north, south, east, or  
west, a distance of 200 miles, in the  
center, and messages sent to terminate  
either way, and returned to come or  
any of other points, all on same wire,  
or whether would require other  
than single wire, used in common  
telegraph today.

It would be pleased to have as much  
information in the matter as would  
be in order to give, and also in-  
volved to cost of instrument, &c.,  
of everything connected with  
the using of it.  
Hoping to hear from you in  
the future.

Yours truly,

J. F. Hoover

212 Fifth Ave.,

The Carbon Telegraph will work  
in any line where a wire  
is used, will  
work.

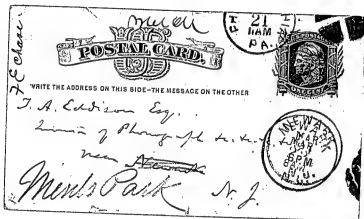
Very respectfully,  
J. F. Hoover

903 Clinton St. 736290  
Phila. March 21. 1898

Dear Sir

If you can graduate tomorrow then  
coming comes, will you write to John, in the  
name of 1:3.1416 (Scientific to American), that  
in reply that you will go some way, and perhaps  
important matter. You might also try to write  
1:11.657.

Yours Respectfully,  
J. L. Chase.





W-3-21-78

My dear

I send you copy of  
"Scribner" showing the  
programme to skin you  
& Bell! There will be  
a descent made on that  
crew before ~~seeing~~ by  
US Marshals that will  
show them that there is a  
Patent Law -

I hear that Vanderbills  
son is one is to have sister  
place this fall!

If you have not done  
so, send me son telephones  
in brief - Be true to yourself  
& I'll stand by you -  
W. J. Vanier

Memoranda.  
HILBORNE L. ROSSSETT,  
CHARLES A. CHEREVEN,  
P. O. Box 5529.

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NEW YORK,  
32 TRIMME BUILDING,

New York, March 22<sup>d</sup> 1878

Dear Edison

I see there is a chap just patented  
a rubber ring to go around the edge of a  
Telephone for the purpose of excluding sounds.  
Patent dated March 5<sup>th</sup> No 201,060.

As this fellow apparently is doing what I did  
a good while ago with those rubber pieces which  
I gave you yesterday, it becomes important  
that I should have a couple of them back, as  
I had them made a good many months ago  
and may need them for exhibit as evidence.

Please send me two of them back, you can  
keep the rest, send two as different from each other  
that I can have them to swear by.

Remember how the rest look if there is  
anything particular in their shape, so that  
if necessary to prove any particular form  
or shape we can do so.

Yours Truly

Charles A. Cheever

Go for him, I had it  
a year ago for my  
earrings if you  
can't catch him  
I can —

(over)

Memorandum

Pittsburgh, Pa. 22: 1878.

OFFICE OF THE  
CENTRAL DISTRICT & PRINTING  
TELEGRAPH CO.

And. E. E.

My dear Sir - Mr. Bentley has just  
referred a letter which you forwarded  
to him from R. S. McConigle Allegheny  
city - The procedure strikes me  
as being exceedingly strange, in view  
of our intercourse, and I feel  
bound to ask the counsel of  
treating me as - I don't positively  
say that the letter, or any letter is  
referred to Mr. Bentley, but under  
the circumstances it does, as I have  
said, strikes me as being strange, as you  
knew I was on the ground and finally

to you -  
now I want to ask you, in  
all candor, if you have been  
instructed by the parties in view to  
not communicate with me on the  
subject of your telephone -  
Yours truly,

David

Telephone

1777-Telephone

170 Second St.  
March 18

Confidential

Wash D. C. Enclapp

My dear Edison,

I will be  
in NY Monday.

There will be some 14  
Telephone interferences  
declared next week.  
You better come to me  
after Monday see  
me about it.

J. C. Reiff

J. C. Reiff

Nov 22, 1878

Wash D. C. Enclapp

JOHN STAGER Pres.  
EDISON STATION, N.Y.

W. H. HARRIS Secy.  
EDISON STATION, N.Y.

Office of  
*Western Electric Manufacturing Co.*  
24 to 22 Spring Street, Chicago.

MARCH 20, 1878

GEO. H. BLISS, GEN. AGENT

NEW YORK

DEAR SIR:---

I WISH YOU COULD CONVINCE EDISON OF THE FACT THAT HIS BEST INTEREST, TELEPHONICALLY, LIES IN COOPERATING WITH US TO SECURE THE ADOPTION OF HIS TRANSMITTING TELEPHONE BY THE GOLD & STOCK.

I THINK THAT GRAY TAKES VERY LITTLE STOCK IN HAVING THE TELEPHONES GO BY HIS NAME. THEY ARE MAKING THE PHELPS INSTRUMENTS IN NEW YORK, AND PRESSURE IS BEING USED TO EXTEND THAT STYLE AND TITLE OF TELEPHONES, AS YOU AND EDISON WELL KNOW.

I BELIEVE THAT EDISON'S INSTRUMENT IS OF SUFFICIENT MERIT TO SECURE ITS ADOPTION SOONER OR LATER, CERTAINLY FOR A TRANSMITTING INSTRUMENT, OVER BOTH THE PHELPS DUPLEX AND THE GRAY BI-POLAR.

FOR THE CREDIT AND PRESTIGE OF GETTING STARTED ON THAT FIRST, WE SHOULD LIKE TO USE ALL THE INFLUENCE THAT WE CAN COMMAND TO GET ITS MERITS ACKNOWLEDGED, AND THEN WE SHOULD GET STARTED MANUFACTURING THEM ON AN EXTENSIVE SCALE AHEAD OF ANY ONE ELSE.

I DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE AT ALL DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE GRAY AND GEN. STAGER OF

THE MERITS OF EDISON'S SYSTEM. CAN'T YOU  
GET EDISON TO SEND US OUT SOME OF HIS BEST  
MACHINES?

HENRY BENTLEY IS ALL VERY WELL, BUT WE  
CAN DO MORE FOR HIM IN THIS DIRECTION THAN  
FORTY BENTLEYS.

THE ABOVE ARE MY PERSONAL VIEWS, WHICH  
I SHOULD NOT CARE TO HAVE QUOTED AS MINE,  
EXCEPT IN QUARTERS WHERE IT MIGHT BE OF SER-  
VICE TO OUR SIDE OF THE HOUSE. YOU CAN  
JUDGE WHAT COURSE TO TAKE TO ACCOMPLISH THE  
DESIRED END, WITHOUT GIVING ANYBODY AWAY.

YOURS TRULY,

*Edw. M. Barton*

SEC'Y

William O'Brien,  
President.

Executive Office.

Western Union Telegraph Company.

New York, March 22 1878

Thomas A. Edison Esq.

Dear sir:

Referring to our recent interviews, at which the subject of the Telephone has been discussed, and to your written memorandum proposing to fix the royalty to be paid to you under the contract of March 22, 1877, I beg to say:

That although by the terms of the contract we are entitled to have "three months satisfactory trial" after the complete issue of Bell's patent, I am not disposed to avail myself of so much time, and yet it will be necessary for



us to have reasonable and proper time in which to make such trials as shall be deemed advisable. I trust, therefore, that you will furnish us with at least one set of Telephones as soon as they can be produced, and as soon thereafter as a satisfactory trial is had and an examination can be made of your pending claims for patents, I shall be ready to close up the matter.

This is the substance of my understanding of what was expressed at our interview yesterday, and I put it in writing only to avoid possible misunderstandings.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. West*  
President

War Department,

SIGNAL SERVICE, U. S. ARMY.

Office of Observation, Chamber of Commerce Building.

Philadelphia, March 15<sup>th</sup> 1878

Mr. Thos. Edison  
(Mable Park)  
New Jersey -

Sir

Your fame as a successful inventor of electrical appliances has prompted me in taking the liberty of addressing you in reference to a long felt need in our Service of a simple instrument for registering on paper, by aid of wire and battery, the position of the wind vane -

This register to be capable of recording not less than eight points of the compass, i.e. N., N.E., E., S.E., S., S.W., W., N.W. & to record such positions at intervals of not more than five minutes each.

We have such an instrument in use at a few of our stations, but on account of its expense, complicated construction & great liability of getting out of

order, it is not satisfactory -

I will continue auto telephatic  
explanation of instrument referred  
to, in which you will more readily  
understand what we need.

Hoping you will have the  
joint ~~entire~~ consideration

Very respectfully,  
F.M.M. Beall

Wm. Orton

123 South 9th St.

Philad.

file Edison

so you can determine the condition of my  
invention. As the telephone have already  
had an exhaustive test by an officer of  
your organization Mr. Beall, and as  
my whole experiments <sup>patent matter</sup> since 1874 - have  
been a matter of record and accessible to  
the officers of your Co. having that matter  
in charge I hope you will close the  
matter at once as my affair was made  
very low and based upon the supposition that  
you were ready to close the contract at  
once but if I am to be delayed, by officers  
of your Co. who are personally inimical  
to my interest I shall withdraw the offer  
you

[DRAFT LETTER, EDISON TO WILLIAM ORTON; ATTACHED TO LETTER FROM F.N.M. BEALL]

My dear Sir -  
The day I was in your office to talk  
about a year for my own telephone  
I was interested in the telephone for 17 years - You had your letter to  
me dated ~~proposed~~ and did not accept my  
offer but made a new proposition to  
pay me \$1000 provided the instruments  
are satisfactory & the specifications  
would give rise - I have decided  
this proposition, & desire to make my  
agreement with you by a signature  
attached to this letter to be signed  
by you should you -

7/21/87  
No 27-11

Memorandum

Pittsburgh, Dec 27 1878.

OFFICE OF THE  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF PRINTING  
TELEGRAPH CO.

Gen'l. Engr.

Yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. is recd - Thanks for  
the information that you had sent gone over  
my card, say order of the power at 1444.  
What you have to say about trusting  
your experiments to Rectley, because they  
were slow to approve of what I did, does  
not apply to me - What some were  
wondering about to take up, and others to  
condemned entirely, I had always and from  
the first encouraged - I don't think  
you ever had anything but words of praise  
for me. Certainly I was always only  
too anxious to test any improvement

You had made up and confessed I  
felt somewhat hurt that you had kept  
me advised, and sent me letters without  
to look — I have no doubt but  
that all that Mr. Bentley is now going  
through, I passed through some time since  
and might have aided you —  
I do not wish in that to be understood  
as reflecting upon Bentley, or any, any,  
and I am sure, for he is a good fellow,  
and a diligent student —  
Very faith in the telephone as a practical  
instrument has been strong from the first,  
(you know that) the record of others will  
not show this —

Yours &c

Wm. D. Davis

1878-Telephone

*Memorandum*

*Pittsburgh, Feb 25 1878.*

OFFICE OF THE  
CENTRAL DISTRICT & PRINTING  
TELEGRAPH CO.

*James C. ...*

You had better refer this to our Realty,  
as Newdale is in the Eastern  
part of the State -

*Yours  
John ...*

W. J. Mich. 25/78.  
Edinn.

I was with  
Mr. Cowen he dic-  
tated his let. to you  
to "come on Saturday"  
the afternoon  
said some other  
things & which I  
am at liberty to  
mention to you -

Presuming you  
will not now come  
to the City till Satdy  
I purpose to go down  
to Memphis tomorrow  
either on 8 or 11  
AM train -

I will see Johnson  
before I go (as to  
taking anything from  
him. Yours Miller



Orange N. J.,  
March 28.

J. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir.

I am desirous of establishing communications by telephone between a church + private house in this place.

I have only partially succeeded perhaps because I have only used the Bell Telephone - I would like very much to ask you if it is possible under the circumstances if you will do me the honor

of sitting a time when I can speak to you either in N. J. city or at Menlo Park you will greatly oblige yours very  
respect.

W. R. Howe.

P. O. Box 753

Orange N. J.

Can you  
write my must refer to  
Wm. O. W. will be my  
for my telephone  
Edison

Month No. 1.

## THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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A. R. BREWER, Secy.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated Phila Apr 1st 1878

Received at \_\_\_\_\_

To J. A. Edison

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

All right at  
Eleven O'clock, Batchelor  
leaves on five thirty train  
Bentley-



to have such  
a thing as an  
Automatic  
Pen.

220 to 232 KINZIE ST. Chicago. April 1 1878

N. A. Edison Esq.

Mindel Park N. Y. 1878

Dear Sir:

Don't forget that only  
days remain to get your exhibits  
to Paris. Nothing will be received  
after May 1st. Have goods here at  
ready gone forward. Gray thinks when  
his case goes into the patent office  
that he shall make a book on the  
Telephone. We have a bell shaped ring  
with diaphragm on the inside a com-  
mon "magnet attracting diaphragm  
also a bottle shaped arrangement  
with diaphragm in place of bottom  
and "magnet outside attracting diaphragm"  
both made in 1844. also model of  
Water Telephone described in caveat  
and there with other claims. ~~Patent~~  
Tins, patents to ~~obtaining~~  
harmonic system he expects will



take him through with flying colors. He even claims induction coil arrangement in some of his patents. We want to know why the Bell people don't hurry up and commence suit and say they will be sued unless the fight is begun by them. I see nothing to change my opinion that you have the telephone and the party who gets it will have a great advantage. I hope you will get a good contract and be able to look on a disinterested pair of eyes. V. Great Walker of the Gold & Stock has been here. I think Gray has realized on enough of his interest so that he feels independent. We are disposed to congratulate you on your good telephone luck and think this is a case where the inventors win!

Respectfully Geo. H. Bliss & Co.

William Orton  
President  
J. B. Hutchinson  
Gen'l Supt.

Western Union Telegraph Company  
Eastern Division.

New York, April 5<sup>th</sup> 1878

Mrs. E. N. Johnson

Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir - The Editor of the "Globe" newspaper  
at Rutland Vt, desires to give a telephone concert.

I suppose what he should give is a motograph concert.

I have forwarded one of your pamphlets to Supt.  
Gates at N. R. Junction, who has charge of Rutland.

The question is, what do you ask for your ser-  
vice in exhibiting the motograph at Rutland?

It can be operated on a line from Troy to Rutland  
or on a short wire in the town.

Very respectfully,

J. C. Winchman

Gen'l Supt. (P.S.)

Contracted  
Apr 8. 1878  
Edison  
Why refer to me  
E.H.D.

Baltimore apl 8  
Prof. Thos. A. Edison,  
Dr. Sir -

I write you  
to enquire if you would  
like to introduce your  
Telephone in this City.  
If as I would like to get  
the agency here, I am  
in the private line business  
& have some lines using  
the same, but since the  
introduction of the telephone  
it is almost impossible to  
get parties to use anything  
else, with a good

telephone I could  
build up a good business.  
Bill's seems to be not  
altogether satisfactory,  
& several parties whom  
I have seen in regard  
to lines, I have induced  
to wait (they have been  
negotiating for lines with  
Bill's telephones) telling  
them there was a better  
invest in the field.  
I have a large acquaintance  
among the business  
community & am confident  
I could do well with your  
Telephone.

I would refer you to  
Mr. Thos. Kennedy night  
manager W. & O. of. N.Y.

I would be pleased  
to hear from you at your  
earliest convenience,  
letting me know what you  
will do in the matter.

Very respectfully  
C. W. Crumbacker,  
37 German St.,  
near Light.  
Baltimore.

Can you  
answer this man -  
W. & O.

My telephone belongs to the  
W. & O. Telegram Co &  
refers you to them -

J. A. Edm.

NY J.A. Edison

APL 9<sup>th</sup> 1878

If you are coming to town  
this week please inform me  
I wish to see you I have a  
package for you.

J.C. H. ...



Blank No. 2.

# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS messages only on condition, limiting its liability, which have been assumed by its several stockholders.

Persons who transmit messages only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison, and the Company will not be held liable for any loss or damage to the message or to the property of the sender.

The Company is not responsible for any loss or damage to the message or to the property of the sender.

Messages transmitted by this Company are delivered to the recipient at the time and place specified.

WILLIAM COTTON, Pres't.

Received

At New York, N.Y.,

Sept 9

1887

to

Mr. J. H. Edison

Brooklyn

Dear Sir,

Would a Teleph-

onic repeater be

practicable? and could

it be arranged with

a single diaphragm

placed between two

permanent magnets,

each of them inserted

in a separate circuit.

Please reply, voblique

Yours truly,

W. H. O'Brien

Care N.Y. Tel. Co.

Commissioner

of the City of New York

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J.W.D. Brown  
Apr 9, 78

Dear Sir,

~~As per Mitchell~~  
~~to the principle~~  
~~of the~~

Dear Sir

It would work but  
it would be very weak  
and you could do  
better direct -  
~~you can find out~~

✓

Yours Truly  
J.W.D. Brown

THE

Edison Speaking Phonograph Company.

E. H. JOHNSON, General Agent,  
P. O. Box 1220.

New York, April 10<sup>th</sup> 1878

Mr. Edison &  
Dear Sir:

As to Mr. Stern making an Electro-  
Moto-Telephone. If he is a friend  
of yours certainly let him do so.  
Perhaps it would be just as  
well however not to be too liberal  
in this direction I am quite  
confident that Electro Photography  
will yet be a great factor in  
some of your electrical problems.  
I am not at all certain it  
won't even now do as a receiver  
for your Carbon Telephone.

Yours Truly

E. H. Johnson

Get Stearns letter  
& write him and  
say you have my  
permission to make  
amusements telephone  
for your own use  
T.H.J.

Dear Sir.

By mistake we have sent you  
a receiver without a spool.

Yours truly,  
S. Bergmann & Co

S. Bergmann & Co

S. Bergmann & Co



N.Y. N.Y.  
APR 12  
2 PM



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Mr. Elias Batchelder.  
Mauls Park.  
N. O.

From New York Apr. 12 178

To F O Belvidere

At request of Mr. Oton please  
call ~~and~~ see me soon.

Lm Phelps.  
E.

HENRY BENTLEY,  
President.  
WM. F. WHEATLAND,  
Secy and Treas.  
SAMUEL M. FLUSH,  
Superintendent.  
HARRISON STILES,  
Manager.

# Philadelphia Local Telegraph Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

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Philadelphia, 4th Mo. 16th 1878.

Mrs. Thos. A. Edison:  
Menlo Park. N.J.,  
Dear friend,

The Permanent Exhibition is now beginning to be an attraction and as the weather becomes pleasant, large numbers of people are going there. If I had another of your transmitters and an induction coil in a little bracket like Mr. Batchelor had down here, I would put it up out there in the Main Exhibition Building, along side of the Bell Telephone, which they have there, and connect it with my office at Third & Chestnut, and show the crowds that gather. Now how easily we could take the wind out of them.

Would you please send me down a set, and I will put it up there immediately? I do not believe you could do anything - just now - that would bring your Carbon Telephone before the notice of the public generally sooner.

I will put up a handsome explanatory notice over it.  
Answer immediately.

Very truly, thy friend  
Henry Bentley



T. A. EDISON ESQ.  
MENLO PARK, N.J.

DEAR SIR:

THE W. E. ARE MAKING  
1,000 BI-POLAR TELEPHONES AND 500 MAG-  
NETO CALL BELLS FOR THE GOLD & STOCK.

THERE IS A PAIR OF THE GRAY  
BATTERY TELEPHONES ON A LINE RUN-  
NING FROM THE W. U. OFFICE HERE TO  
THOS. ORTON'S SUPPLY DEP'T.

I TRIED THEM  
A DAY OR TWO SINCE. THE INTERFER-  
ANCE IS FRIGHTFUL. IN ORDER TO GET  
ANYTHING THROUGH I HAD TO YELL THE  
TOP OF MY HEAD OFF AND IF MY BUSI-  
NESS HAD BEEN PRIVATE THE WHOLE BLOCK  
WOULD HAVE KNOWN IT.

THEY TRIED A  
BATTERY AND ALSO THE BI-POLAR AT THE  
W. U. END. THE LATTER WAS THE BEST  
BUT IT WAS THIN COMMUNICATION.

YOUNG WM  
ORTON WAS AT THE W. U. OFFICE AT THE  
W. U. END WHEN I TRIED THE THING.

HE LAUGHED AT THAT KIND OF TELE-  
PHONING AND SWEARS BY THE EDISON  
TELEPHONE.

TOM ORTON WANTS A PAIR OF  
YOURS.

THERE IS A GOOD OF GROWL-  
ING ABOUT THE BI-POLARS. ON A LINE  
WITH 4 STATIONS OF COURSE TWO BELLS  
WILL ALWAYS BE IN CIRCUIT. THESE  
REDUCE THE VOLUME OF SOUND ONE HALF-  
BY USING CONDENSERS ROUND THE  
BELLS THE SOUND IS HELPED 1-4.





COMPARED WITH YOUR TELEPHONE THE  
SOUND IS LOW AT THE BEST AND I FAIL  
TO SEE ANYTHING IN THE MAGNETO THUS  
FAR WHICH IS GOING TO MAKE IT AN  
OBJECT TO DO WITHOUT BATTERY WHEN  
THE OTHER POINTS ARE TAKEN INTO CONSID-  
ERATION.

RESPECTFULLY,  
GEO. H. BLISS

Wm. O'Brien Esq.

For your information, do not give Bliss away  
please return,

J. C. Johnson

1878

# Philadelphia Local Telegraph Company,

HENRY DESTIAT, President.  
W. F. WHEATLAND, Sec'y & Treas.  
SAMUEL N. YERUSH, Mgrt.  
HARRISON WILKES, Manager.

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Philadelphia, *4<sup>th</sup> Mo<sup>th</sup> 1878*

Friend Edison:

I am in much of your relation to the *idea* of Carbon phones for the Permanent Exhibition which re-opens with great éclat (that last is ok. I believe) and I am anxious to show the crowd that Edison's Carbon Telephone will work and be very audible even in the midst of any strong *noisy* large and noisy.

Well, our great and good friend is at rest at last. Peace to him. His like I shall we look upon it again? One of his last acts was to send to me the two pair of your *Embassy* and duplicating instruments for me to experiment with and see how we could best utilize them and as he did "make a fortune for them". They seem to be

a little out of order. I never,  
either, fully comprehended your own  
views and full expectations regard-  
ing them. If you could come down  
here and stay over night with me  
and post my <sup>dear</sup> Mr. Pluch and  
myself on them and set us right  
on one or two points which now  
seem to be disorganized in  
them I would like it greatly,  
and I think it would be  
finally profitable to you -  
that is if their future adaption  
by the Co. is desired by you -  
or would profit you. I expect  
you have seen this editorial  
from the N.Y. <sup>Register</sup> <sup>and</sup> I <sup>shall be</sup> <sup>glad to</sup>  
this but for fear you might  
have misread I enclose - It  
good and just the honest  
truth. That's all

Yours ever  
H. W. Bentley

Come down & see us - if only  
for a few hours - I shall be  
glad to see you

New York

Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> 78

Bethelton

Have four iron transmitters  
started at once.

Edison

2-1 (Teleph)  
AMERICAN DISTRICT TELEGRAPH CO.  
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Messengers, Police, Fire Department and Family Physician summoned instantly.  
Principal Office, N. W. Cor. 14th and F Streets,  
The Arlington  
Auxiliary Offices at: McClelland's Express 415 Penna. Ave.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. A. Edman  
Mendel's

My dear Sir

Referring to our  
conversation when you were  
here and what thinking I have  
been doing since you left  
together with your friend Mr  
Portno's death I want to ask  
you a leading question &  
that is are you so committed  
to the W. D. T. C. on your Carbon  
Telephon that you could not  
give me the control of it  
under certain circumstances  
& if you could state the  
circumstances it is willing

April 29/78  
I want to  
hear from  
you by next  
mail

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Messengers, Police, Fire Department and Family Physician summoned instantly.  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

me to see the best telephon  
in the world being sold  
I would like to hold  
of it or anything else of  
yours if you would give  
me a good share as I  
can I cannot do myself  
justice here owing to what  
I explained to you when here  
let me hear from you fully  
on this subject and any  
other which may be made  
mutually beneficial  
what effect is Portno's  
death going to have upon  
you financially yours sincerely  
M. McClelland

From New York

Meade Park May 1. 78

To J A Edison

Please ask Johnson answer my letter  
--- of Apr 10<sup>th</sup> in regard to giving telephone and  
- - - - - photographs of Rulland W

Resdy Batefulon

answer by

J. C. Hutchinson

J. C. Hutchinson -  
New York  
you will have to see  
what a behavior 203  
137 Broadway N.Y.

J A Edison

J. C. Hutchinson  
New York  
All right will go for  
him  
J. C. Edison  
J. C. Edison  
J. C. Edison

Meade Park May 2, 1878

Eugene Phillips

Providence Rd

and by Express two

dozen Telephone cords - to day sure

J A Edison

MJ from New York  
L. F. A. Edison Recd May 7<sup>th</sup> 1891

Will it be convenient for you to drop into  
my office this afternoon and what time

Goodman

Sig

H. W. ~~Plumbly~~  
Klombly

~~New York~~

Twombly

May 7 2<sup>pm</sup>

H. Twombly

~~H. H.~~ 197 Broadway

Very busy today on telephone will call  
when time I am in city  
Edison

Geo Walker

Gold + Stock Tel Co  
New York

Come tomorrow morning

Edison

The Western Union Telegraph Company's  
MANUFACTORY,

G. M. PHILPS, Supt.

63 to 68 New Church Street.

New York, May 8 1878.

J. H. Edison Esq,

Dear

Yours at hand.

I have no glass desks yet.

I will let you know when  
I find some good ones

Yours truly

G. M. Phelps

J. Merriam, Phil.  
No thirty ~~two~~ two is  
the wire we want not  
thirty five  
Edison

sent by H. A. Hester  
May 8



New York 1  
2 Y.A.E.

No thirty two is the local wire I meant  
not thirty five please arrange accordingly

Sig

Griffin

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N.Y. 2 Y.A. Edison

Will you remain at Menlo Park this  
afternoon Supt. Benson and myself  
intended to have gone in company with  
Messrs. Walker and Keade but they left early  
We may go on eleven or 3 p.m. train  
What hour do they run to New York from  
Menlo Park ans.

Sig J. C. Hinchman —

Waterbury

May 8,





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JAMES PARTHUR,

FRANKLIN S. CARTER,

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No. 38 South Fourth Street,

Manufactory, 614, 616 and 618 Fifth Street,

Philadelphia,

May 13 1878

Q. A. Edison Esq  
Mills Park

Mr. T. J. Murdoch called & see  
us today and left the Evening Messenger  
from you - we are glad to know we are to  
make some of your Telephones and there  
is no man in the country I would rather  
let have a pair than him, - will you  
therefore please send us a set, at once  
Alvord takes care of them and returns  
them safe to you and in good order,  
we only want to take the copy  
and get the best thing out - don't  
delay it and wait for anything  
further as time is flying fast and  
the field is moving from  
under our feet, if we don't  
get into the market very soon.

there will be no use of getting  
in at all

Please send no an  
sett at once

Yours truly  
Jas. Patrick  
for Arthur's Carter

You shall not lose anything  
by sending them and  
I am not a scoundrel

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JOHN A. SLEICHER, RESIDENT AGENT, NEW-YORK.

New York, May 13 1878

[illegible]

I send state associated

press reports from my office here. They go by one wire from N.Y. up to Albany & from Albany out to Buffalo. One transmissian does the work, of course, the operators at the different cities along the line taking my report as it comes along.

Now I want to know if this service could be done by a telephone, or if you, with your wonderful facility of invention could devise any way by which I could transmit my report, either orally, or written out, at the various cities along the line, without the intervention of an operator at every



city!

I hope to be able to  
see you some time & confer  
with you about this matter.

It interests ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> only  
me but also all the others  
associated. Principles - New England,  
the Western, &c.

The service in my  
association is however so simplified,  
that it is probably the best for  
an experimental effort.

There is a machine for  
short circuits which prints the news  
on a tape. If you could invent some  
such arrangement that could do the printing  
over the long circuit from New York to Boston  
you could have achieved the good I have  
in view. Or if your telephone could transmit  
my news or all the news, with  
reliability and certainty, I should feel satisfied  
to invest it further. Sincerely, yours  
John A. Stearns

John A. Stearns  
1896

New York May 14.

T. A. Edison.

Saw your letter inc. a  
carbon transmitter with its resistance coil  
for a day or so. same as you sent to Mr. Boutly.  
want to try it on a bad wire. Mr. Boutly reports  
wonderful results from it.

Geo. B. Sesto

Supt.  
A.S.

W. T. Rural Academy  
Cromwell, Conn.  
May 28, 1897.

Mr. W. B. Edison

Dear Sir:

Under what  
conditions, and for what consid-  
eration would it be possible  
for me to have the use of  
one of your carbon telephones,  
the necessary and needed instruments  
I would want it for about  
a week, or less, for experiment.  
I am accustomed to the use  
and operation of many electrical  
instruments, having had a  
great deal of practical work in  
our laboratory, and understand  
the working of your form of the  
telephone. If needed, I  
refer to Charles W. T. Humphreys,

W. H. H. Head of the Dept. of  
Physics and Chemistry at the  
Academy.

My answer. I beg to  
say I reply, under any graduation  
examination as first approximation,  
and I am desirous before  
leaving here to settle definitely  
a question concerning the telephone,  
which the 1st of Mr. Phelps  
telephone cannot settle.  
I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,  
Charles F. Johnson

Dear Sir

As our company is  
about reorganizing we are  
obliged to recall the 2 Tele-  
phones loaned you in order  
to make up our stock account

Yours truly

The Telephone Co of NY

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE-THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

J. A. Edison Esq  
Menlo Park  
New Jersey

Long  
Island  
Co

May 25/78

Friend Edison

In my astonishment this morn  
 the enclosed transmitter would not  
 transmit. After trying everything, I  
 unscrewed it & found the glass disc cracked  
 into 3 pieces - having none exactly like it  
 I replaced it by a microscope cover which  
 however seems to do no good -

The other transmitter is ok & has today  
 worked from 197 Broadway to my home in  
 Brooklyn thro all obstructions. - I therefore  
 think it will be a success. Please  
 return one the enclosed Trans in good  
 order quickly as possible so I can demonstrate  
 the whole thing on Monday -

Yours in haste  
 for Babcocks  
 G.B. Scott  
 Me

Blank No. 1.

# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company TRANSMITS and DELIVERS messages only, on condition, limiting its liability, which here  
being assumed only by the sender of the following message.  
Messages can be sent only by repeating a message back in the sending station for confirmation, and the Com-  
pany will not be responsible for any error in the transmission of a message, or for any loss of a message, or for any  
delay in the delivery of a message, or for any other loss or damage to a message, or for any other loss or damage to a message, or for any other loss or damage to a message.

A. R. BREWER, Secy.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Dated New York May 29 1878

Received at Wilmington

By J. A. Edison

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Have not seen you  
as appointed Shall  
you be home to-day  
S. M. Tumbly

New York May 31, 1878

J. A. Edison,

Your instructions are received.  
The Board here will can you furnish me with  
S. induction coils & transmitters alone to fit up an  
set for machinery circuit. I want to know your  
new designs for combination box I am making.

-ag-

Geo. B. Scott. P.



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R.O. No. 5645

George W. Alden,  
Vice-President.

Gold & Stock Telegraph Company  
Western Union Building

New York, May 31 1878

Mrs. A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir,

The W. U. Co. claims

that we sh<sup>d</sup>. pay some part of your  
bill of 2457.82 paid by them  
May 20. For the purpose of adjusting  
it will you give us the following  
information

1. How much of Keewi's op for  
labor was earned since Feb 15<sup>th</sup>?
2. What is the value of material  
already  
on hand <sup>already</sup> paid for by the W. U.  
Co. which may be available  
to us in the telephone business  
but includes any not yet paid  
for by them.

Yours truly  
George W. Alden  
X P.

This memorandum of agreement entered  
into this first day of June eighteen hundred  
and seventy eight by and between Thomas A  
Edison of Menlo Park N.J. and James  
Adams of Menlo Park N.J.  
witness. The said Edison has by the within  
contract of which it is a copy been  
given a Royalty of Six thousand dollars  
per year for seventeen years from the  
date hereof payable semi monthly in  
payments for the said Edison's inventions  
in telephones as herein set forth and  
whenever the said Adams has given his  
him talents and attention in assisting  
the said Edison in bringing such  
inventions to practical uses there-  
for in consideration of such services  
by the said Adams to the said Edison  
the said Edison agrees to pay to the  
said Adams Six thousand dollars  
in each and every year that the  
said Edison receives six thousand  
dollars from the first of June 1878  
until the first of June 1895. If by any  
chance or process of law or otherwise  
the said Edison is not paid the  
said six thousand dollars then  
the said Adams shall receive  
nothing, or if the sum be received

the sum paid the said Adams shall  
be reduced in proportion this shall  
be binding upon my executors  
assigns or legal representatives  
In witness whereof I have this day set my  
hand and seal

Witness

Wm Edmon

Thomas A Edison

OFFICE OF  
JESSE H. BUNNELL,

MANUFACTURER OF  
TELEGRAPH AND ELECTRICAL APPARATUS,  
AND MATERIALS,  
112 Liberty Street,

New York, June 4, 1878

J. A. Edison Esq -  
Meads Park  
N.J.

Phila. June 3, '78

T. A. Edison

Will you be  
at your laboratory even-  
ing so we can get your  
by telephone, some  
time from eight to  
nine O'clock, to-mor-  
row or ~~Thursday~~ evening  
Tuesday.

H. B. Swett,

Wm. H. Wood  
Edison

New York, June 4.

T. A. Edison,

When  
will we receive the  
two induction coils  
instruments waiting  
for them.

Geo. B. Swett.

This afternoon, if possible  
Edison

Dear Son -  
Can I buy from  
you (if not whom)  
a complete set of your  
Carbon Telephone? - want it  
for a Professor for his  
illustrative apparatus -  
Please reply stating price to  
me and price I should  
charge -

Yours  
J. H. Bunnell

Now please tell Back or some one else  
to send this now or I will have  
to send away for an  
answer and lose my customer too -



The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blank of the Company, and conform to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

MAIN OFFICE, SOUTH EAST COR. THIRD & CHESTNUT STS.

Dated

To Brother Edison

Yours of 4<sup>th</sup> at hand.  
Go for the robbers. Phelps  
told me yesterday how  
strongly heated him some  
years since in painting  
telegraph notes.  
I sent up to the office of  
the Journal of the Franklin  
Institute and they will  
send by Adams Express  
tomorrow 20 copies of the  
Journal of the date you wish  
for - all they have left, of that  
number. I had 100 reprints at the  
time but gave them all away. Bear  
in mind this article is an original  
one prepared specially for the Journal  
by my friend S. M. Bush. Y<sup>rs</sup> H. P. H.

A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J. June 10<sup>th</sup> 1878

James Patrick  
38 South 4<sup>th</sup> St Phila Pa

Edison

Telephone model ready  
Come over in the morning  
Edison

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N.J.

June 4 1888

Hon Geo Walker  
U.S. 195-Bway NY

We are already ~~except~~ <sup>but</sup> the  
Japanning keeps them back  
Expect to send them to you  
first part of next week  
T. A. Edison

Amnapolis June 16/78

Frank G. Springer

Amnapolis June 17/78

U. S. Naval Academy  
Annapolis, Md.  
June 16, 1878.

Thomas H. Edison, Esq.

Dear Sir:

Your letter  
of the 26th ult. received an  
early answer, but I have been,  
a part of the time, very  
busy with my final examinations.  
I graduate on the 20th,  
and sometime during the latter  
part of the month, or in  
July, it would give me  
great pleasure to accept of

your very kind <sup>of the</sup> ~~offer~~ <sup>offer</sup> ~~offer~~ <sup>offer</sup>  
 My ~~recognition~~ <sup>recognition</sup> ~~of your character~~ <sup>of your character</sup>  
 after graduation are somewhat  
 indeterminate, but among other  
 places, I am very desirous  
 of visiting your laboratory, and  
 if it be not too great a  
 vexation to you, I should  
 like to avail myself of the  
 impulse for which I am  
 indebted to you.

Very truly yours  
 Frank S. Johnson



T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

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Griffin

Send this telegram -

E. H. Johnson

208 Broadway

New York

Have boy come over tomorrow  
with all printed scraps you  
have relating to ~~the exhibition~~  
of telephone with date marked

T. A. Edison

8 Apr 1778  
JH

JAMES PARTRICK,

FRANKLIN A. CARTER,

**Partrick & Carter,**

PRACTICAL TELEGRAPHERS and ELECTRICIANS,

MANUFACTURERS OF AND DEALERS IN

TELEGRAPH and ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENTS and SUPPLIES,

No. 39 South Fourth Street,

Manufactory, 614, 616 and 618 Filbert Street,

Philadelphia, June 20, 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq.,  
Menlo Park N. J.  
So. L.

Yours to hand  
We have not as yet received  
the flexible tubing although  
ordered for some days will for-  
ward sample as soon as it  
comes to hand, we found that  
it does not come ready made  
of the suitable size.

Yours truly  
Partrick & Carter.

Ans 2 June 78

Mr. Edison

Dear Sir,

I have a few questions to ask from you, and statements to make, and I hope you will kindly and satisfactorily answer.

Has Dr. Arthur W. Adams called upon you, some time ago? Did you, or did you not grant him the privilege to experiment with your telephones? and to lecture on the subject of your inventions?

Dr. Adams made an unsuccessful attempt, to establish telephonic connection between New Jersey & here, last Monday evening. A concert was to be given here, and to be heard in Jersey City. The experiment succeeded not, the heavy rain, and more yet the induction from telegraph-wires is interfering, interfering. This want of success did not throw any reflection upon your most excellent instruments, as it was readily understood, why, and is existing.

Circumstances the instruments, by their very nature so sensitive to induction, could not work. The telephone was sent to me, I suppose, by authorized hands, and were well put up by Mr. Monahan and other able gentlemen from the W & W Telegraph Co.

But now the following card appears in yesterday's "Republican":

"The friends of Mr. Edison in this city state that he had no connection with the telephone concern, which resulted in a fizzle, at the Western Union Telegraph office, a few evenings ago, and that the parties interested did not have Mr. Edison's original telephone with any knowledge or consent of the inventor."

This throws an unpleasant reflection on myself; though I acted only in accordance with information and instructions received by Dr. Adams. My impression was, that you did know about it. Certainly the owners of

the "Edison Telephone"; to whom you have sold your patent, would have known; for official notice was received at the W. & W. Telegraph office here, that we might use a wire between here and Jersey for this purpose. Dr. Adams can not have acted without full authority for I know him to be an honest man.

Will you please have the kindness to inform me, whether the above card in the "Republican" is just? I would be much obliged to you, if you would relieve my mind on this subject.

Yours Respectfully  
F. Muscareas.

Address: Mr. F. Muscareas  
#1715 10th St. N. W.  
Washington D. C.

JAMES PARTRICK.

FRANKLIN S. CARTER.

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No. 38 South Fourth Street,

Manufactory, 614, 616 and 618 Filbert Street,

Philadelphia, June 24<sup>th</sup> 1878.

J. A. Edison Esq.  
Menlo Park N. J.  
St. Louis

Yours to hand the  
tubing you refer to as being used in  
Theater is the ordinary Section hard  
spiral wire inside we can get any quan-  
tity of this but it is too large and  
not pliable enough. We have written  
to the Goodyear Co. the owners of the  
N. Y. tubing Co's patent and are awaiting  
their reply. In case we cannot pro-  
cure the tubing, shall we use the rubber  
tubing same as you have on <sup>your</sup> the Telephone,  
we have can have it covered with silk or  
linen, the latter more durable less  
expensive and look equally as well.  
Awaiting your reply. Very respectfully,

Partrick & Carter,

June 2074  
Ref# 81-0-6  
Empire 774444  
Rm RS

OFFICE OF  
**JESSE H. BUNNELL,**  
 MANUFACTURER OF  
 TELEGRAPH AND ELECTRICAL APPARATUS,  
 AND MATERIALS.  
 112 Liberty Street,

New York, June 24/87

J. A. Edison Esq.  
 Menlo Park  
 N.J.

Dear Sir

Yours recd. As far as  
 either Goodyears or  
 my knowledge Eugene  
 Phillips is your man  
 for Rubber Tube (soft)  
 Covered with silk or Cotton  
 altho "Day" the Kenton man  
 does something too in  
 "Gas Tight Pliable Tube" as they  
 love to call it but hasn't  
 gas tight no more not  
 I ever was - Say tell  
 me do you arrange

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 112 Liberty Street,

New York, June 24/87

transfer all use of  
 the microphone to  
 the W. U. - If not  
 I like to make and sell  
 on a royalty or something  
 or other - Think I might do  
 quite a business in them if  
 could advertise it -

Yours Truly  
 Bunnell

How is that Super Carbon  
 Battery? or anything else  
 that I can handle -

WILLIAM ORTON, President,  
GEORGE WALKER, Vice-President,  
CHAS. B. FARMOUTH, Secretary,  
JAN. D. REED, Secretary,  
GEORGE H. BERRY, Superintendent.

GOLD AND STOCK TELEGRAPH COMPANY,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

WESTERN UNION BUILDING.

P. O. Box 5645, .

New York, June 25<sup>th</sup> 1878

L. A. Edison Esq.,  
Mentlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir

Dr Adams brought a letter from you (June 4<sup>th</sup>) to Vice Pres Walker, stating that the bearer desired to procure a pair of carbon telephones to use in his lectures on Sound. Mr Walker understanding from Dr Adams, that he wanted them for a single lecture in Jersey City approved the application "as soon as practicable."

Nothing was said to him about making a trial between Jersey City and Washington or any other points and his understanding was that it was for a purely local experiment, such as those in Brooklyn for which the Edison Telephone had been used a short time before by Mr Phelps.

Mr Walker says that he would never

Y.A.E 2.

have allowed the instruments to go out for such a use as they were put to, as the Gold and Stock Telegraph Co had not at that time, made any experiments over long lines themselves, and would not have permitted a stranger of whom they knew nothing, (except that he was introduced, by you) to make them. Mr. Walker never knew of one of the telephones being sent to Washington until he missed it on an office line to which it belonged, and on inquiry ascertained the fact. He denied having given authority for any such use and immediately ordered the telephone sent from Washington through the Western Union Manager there. The Western Union Telegraph Co grants the use of a wire to Washington to Dr. Adams under the idea that Mr. Walker had loaned the telephones for use between that city and Jersey City.



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Without any authority from Vice Post Walker  
Dr. Adams procured also a Phelps Brown  
telephone from the Western Union Shop, which  
he has never returned although it has  
been repeatedly sent for. The Carbon  
Telephones used by Mr. Adams were made  
in the Western Union Shop, and have  
always done excellent service. They  
are now working satisfactorily over  
a line from New York to Philadelphia

Yours truly  
Geo. B. M.  
Supt.

[ATTACHMENT]

THE PHONOGRAPH QUESTION.

Expressed in *The Express* of June 25th, 1905, in reply to a letter from Mr. Thomas A. Edison, published in your issue of June 25th, in which he offers that the telephone used by me was a circuit between this city and Washington, were not his telephone, I wish to state that the telephone used on that occasion were Mr. Edison's, they being leased me by the Western Union Telegraph Co., which company is interested in the introduction of said telephone. And, further, they were the best ever constructed. No others would have been loaned for so great an undertaking as the establishment of a telephone circuit between two cities so far distant from each other as Washington and New York City.

Mr. Edison, doubtless, feels keenly the failure of his telephone to work, but his previous letter will only add fuel to the fire, inasmuch as it brings before the public mind the question as to the merits of his instrument. The question never before brought to the fore was not recorded by him, but the failure was not recorded by him, but the weather. On the night of the trial the atmosphere was filled with a superabundant amount of electricity, giving rise to severe storms which were raging all along the line. This facilitated the success of a telephone, known to electricians as "induction," which is at all times and under the most favorable circumstances, a very hard element to surmount, but which is greatly augmented by the presence of damp and atmospheric electricity, as we all know. On the particular evening, there is not a shadow of doubt that, under favorable circumstances, the Edison telephone will work over the Atlantic cable, even though Mr. Edison did fail himself the other day to establish communication under unfavorable conditions between Washington and Manila Park. Yours, respectfully,

ARTHUR W. ADAMS M. D.

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J., *July 1st* 1878

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_ 187

*New York*  
S. L. Griffin  
Shall not return for  
two or three days. despatch  
rec

P. C. Bliss

*N.Y. 14* June  
T. A. Edison

We are working your transmitters to  
our twenty third street of over heavy  
induction and operating in a low tone to  
the entire satisfaction of Mr Roscott  
and myself. Hurry up the six promised  
for Tuesday

G. Walker

*Mrs Patrick & Carter*  
*Phila*  
When may we expect some  
telephones  
T. A. Edison

*Menlo Park, July 1*  
Mr Henry Bentley  
*Phila*  
Please call on Patrick & Carter  
ascertain when they will have  
some of those telephones finished.  
Please answer  
T. A. Edison

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J.,

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*Dr.*  
Shil 5 (*July*)  
T. A. Edison

Patrick & Carter expect to have  
them ready the latter part of next  
week they say.

*Henry Bentley*



Office of City Surveyor,

CITY HALL.

Boston, July 8<sup>th</sup> 1878

Mr. Edison

Dear Sir,

Would you be  
willing to give me the date of  
your invention of the Thermo  
Electric Telephone? I have  
invented one similar to your  
own, and would like to  
know if you ante-date me.

Yours Respectfully,  
Geo. R. Carey,

City Surveyor's Office  
12 Howard St., Boston, Mass.

New Jersey

I think from the date of the winter  
can't tell, as I was in the U.S.A.  
at the time of the invention of the  
Thermo Electric Telephone.

\* Time & place.

In Prescott room, July, July  
6<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>30</sup> P.M.

And he of the name  
of Edison spoke, and  
also wrote with a pen,  
saying unto Bachelor  
Schumann Charles,  
these words, "Send Reuter  
\* six buttons," Now Reuter  
being a patient man  
like unto Job, sat him  
down and speaking unto  
his servant called Rush  
Schumann Samuel, said  
unto him, surely, ~~now~~ are  
shall have a button, yea  
mayhap two of them —  
but, they came not.

LLS) 1000E hand  
- long post in long

Phila July 16  
J. A. Edison  
Good Drawings  
of Connections at once  
for Telephone  
Patents & Co.

<p>MANUFACTURING OF Patent Finishes Telegraph Wire, Patent Rubber Covered Wire, Patent Lead Insulated Wire, Patent Electric Cables, Telephone Cords, Cables, &amp;c.</p>	<p>OFFICE OF EUGENE F. PHILLIPS, No. 67 STEWART STREET, Providence, R.I., July 11 1875</p>
<p>Gentlemen: We are in receipt of your favor of the with order, which shall have our immediate attention. Have been experimenting with Rubber tubing with view of approval for your Telephone tubes. The rubber tube is evident to make it close the passage. We are making a special article for the purpose of building up a wire spiral wire and sample in your Mags. which is made to suit requirements to thoroughly dry Respectfully yours, W. H. SAWYER, Electrician and Supl. EUGENE F. PHILLIPS.</p>	



**Charlestown Branch**

of City Surveyor's Office.

Charlestown, Boston July 13, 1878.

Mr. Edison.

Dear Sir.

Accept my  
thanks for your letter of the  
10th. I invented and made a  
drawing of my telephone Jan 11th.  
1878. Have not made one, my  
time being devoted to my  
profession.

Yours Respectfully  
Geo. R. Barry  
City Surveyor's Office,  
City Hall  
Boston Mass.

*Relation to Telephone*

The Gold and Stock Telegraph Co.  
WESTERN UNION BUILDING,  
197 Broadway.

New York, July 13 1878

Friend Edison,

As you request  
I remind you at home  
not to forget my bell,  
as long as you call -

Yours truly  
J. C. Massa

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J.

July 19 1876

My 19  
Chas Patchelor

Menlo Park

Have the Patrick & Carter  
instruments been delivered  
to you? We are in  
hurry to get them  
George Walker  
V. Hunt

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Transmit. - Guarantees receipt of all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message sheets  
and delivered to the operator in the envelope printed reverse, which envelope has been signed in for the sender of  
the message.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, New York.  
A. R. BIRNBAUM, Sec'y.

Dated this 19th July 1876

Received at

To T. A. Edison

Nothing from you  
yet. How is it. Shall we  
come over.

Patrick & Carter

Am putting up magnets as they  
all wait day or two  
Edison

Form 7.]

[Telegraph.]

## PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD CO.'S TELEGRAPH.

Received, Office, Operator, date Aug 23 1873  
From Reuben My For Charles Bachlor

Send to Jerey Barker St Louis pair  
telephones withon ipostat and  
pressure relay by express before  
teneth aug thosadison 17.d.H.



T. A. EDISON,

701

Menlo Park, N. J.,

July 28 1878

T. A. Edison  
Just tested telephone with Phila  
Pondert and best talking we  
ever had but of course a  
little more induction owing  
to size of diaphragm  
Griffin

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Aug 7

1878

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New York 7  
T. A. Edison  
or Batchelor

Menlo Park

We want more Carbons soon  
as possible

G. M. Phelps

T. A. Edison  
7/29

T. A. EDISON.

A21

2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 8 1878

Chicago 8  
Mr. Mitchell

Mr. Park

We have 350 Edison-transmitters  
+ waiting for the Carbon buttons  
while Mr. Walker was going  
to get you to send how fast  
will they come answers

Em. Barton  
accy

I bid  
you

GOLD & STOCK TELEGRAPH CO.

SUPT'S OFFICE.

August 12<sup>th</sup> 1878.

To parties using CARBON telephones.

The transmitters used for this arrangement are very delicate, and the least shock or blow will break the carbon buttons in the interior.

Therefore caution everyone who handles them that they must on no account be dropped or struck against any hard substance. When the carbon button is broken they can only be repaired at the shop where they are constructed.

Yours deeply

Geo. B. Scott

Supt.

T. A. EDISON.

3  
Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 24 1878

N. Y. Martin Force Menlo Park  
Bring both telephones  
from Depot line on  
Three train will  
meet you in Jersey City  
Batchelor

14/paid  
sqg

T. A. EDISON.

1  
Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 27 1878

New York 27  
Thos A Edison  
Menlo Park  
When will you be in town  
and call on me  
H. McK. Towner bly

10/27/78  
sqg

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 27. 1878

H. M. K. Tinsley  
my  
Tomorrow

10th  
~~10th~~

T. A. Edison

11 train  
9, 10



SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Fire Insurance Patrol.

#176 Monroe St.  
~~176 Madison St.~~

Chicago, Aug 28. 1878

T. A. Edison  
Menlo Park N. J.  
Dear Sir,

To day I packed  
ready for shipment, and delivered to our  
friend Mr. Olin, our "water telephone" known  
out here as "Alex"; Hoping you received  
it standing as it left us in good order,  
<sup>and</sup> in giving practical demonstrations as to its  
striking powers, with the laughing remarks  
to lookers on, - "Ed that you may, (as we  
all hear) grow fat.  
Please notify us as to its success after  
experiments made by reports

Yours Very Respectfully

D. D. Sullivan

Supt. Fire Ins. Patrol  
#176 Monroe Street Chicago

The Central District and Printing Telegraph Co.

OFFICE, FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING,

Corner of Fifth Avenue and Wood Street,

Pittsburgh, Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1878

T. A. Edison Esq

My dear Sir -

Can't we have a  
Telephone repeater, suited to all  
kinds of Telephones - In the nature  
of things, the Magneto Telephones will  
be used the most, but we need a  
repeater at the Central station,  
so that when connecting two  
lines together, we can increase  
the force - now can't we have  
it?

We get good results from your  
Carbon Telephones, but they are so  
easily injured - I've had broken on  
us without any apparent cause -

Yours Truly,  
J. M. David

WILLIAM ORTON, President.  
GEORGE WALKER, Vice-President.  
Geo. B. FARMOUT, Secretary.  
Jas. D. IRISH, Secretary.  
GEORGE H. SCOTT, Superintendent.

GOLD AND STOCK TELEGRAPH COMPANY, P

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

WESTERN UNION BUILDING.

P. O. Box 5645.

New York, Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1878

J. A. Edison Esq.

Meigs Park

Dear Sir

We recd from you several  
Telephone & "accessories" notes below - Will  
you please have bill sent us at once as we  
cant call our books for want of it -  
and remain obly

Yours truly  
Geo B Scott  
Supt

(Receipts)

2 Ironwire Coils with Switch & Key \$8. each

6 do do do do do \$4 each

8 Carbon Transmitters \$6. each

Aug 30 P.M.C. 2-52

2 20 Ohm Transformers 55° Each

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Aug 20 1878

W. B. A. Davis Esq  
Pittsburgh

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> just recd. I cannot understand how it is that the telephones get injured we have no such trouble here nor in New York that I have heard of. We send them to Europe where they give perfect satisfaction. In regard to the telephone repeater I think that will be on hand before long.

Very Truly  
T. Edison

Of course we don't let our men or anybody else stand up and play baseball with the team. I simply stated a fact that two of



the carbons had given out in some  
unaccountable manner. They have since  
been repaired and are working well.  
If my note gave any other impression  
than that we were getting satisfactory  
results for time in use, why I  
didn't put it in proper shape & it  
is the way I meant it — They  
are very satisfactory — we use cellulose  
acetate —

I hope we shall get that reported  
soon —

Yours Truly,  
C. G. Paine

C. G. Paine

1878-9 telephone

T. A. EDISON.

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5 PM

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 31 1878

NY 31 T A Edison  
m Park

We want more Carbons  
Send soon as possible  
G M Phelps

JDH.  
in 9

6/12  
JDH

T. A. EDISON.

No 1

Menlo Park, N. J., 187

G. B. Sest. Apt 4-8 C  
New York

Sent Phelps one hundred  
Carbons today and two hun-  
dred to Western Electric Mfg Co  
H. DH Edison

<sup>No 2</sup>  
Western Electric Mfg Co  
Chicago

Sent two hundred tonight  
send two hundred more  
Saturday

9 DH Edison

T. A. EDISON.

For

Menlo Park, N. J., Apr 5 1877

N.Y. 5

T. A. Edison

Shall take Eleven o'clock train today as  
appointed and expect to meet you

M. McK. Trembly

14/20  
169

**The Domestic Telegraph Company.**

GENERAL OFFICES, 145 BROADWAY.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Pres't.

WM. HADEN, Sec'y.

From York, *Sept. 9* 1888

J. A. Edwards Esq.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Bates and I have a view  
between our houses in Brooklyn  
and New York upon which we  
frequently have telephone talks.  
We are both anxious to try your  
carbon telephones, and I wrote  
this to remind you of a premium  
you made me at Mt. St. Vincent  
a while ago to "smuggle" a  
couple for our use. It would  
be an especial accommodation  
if you could manage to do  
the smuggling about this time.  
Domestic affairs are getting  
along nicely, every month  
showing a good deal over and  
above recurring expenses -  
May all of your children

[illegible]

Yours very truly  
J. H. Hadden

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T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J.,

Sept 10, 1878

N.Y. 10

T. A. Edison

When are you coming in? Phoned  
like to see you Resistance coils  
and reversing sounders ready at  
shop since Friday

A. McKim

20 DX

mg

T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J.,

Sept 11, 1878

Em Boston Terry  
220 King St  
Chicago

Please send me two Carbon  
Telephones - Complete Edison

T. A.

7/20  
9/14

George B. Prescott  
Electrician

Electricians Office  
Western Union Telegraph Company  
New York, Sep. 11 1878

Thomas A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Ladd asks "what is the legal status of the Hughes Microphone in relation to Edison's patents? If it can be used without infringement it will be a formidable adjunct for the Bell Co. Please inform me fully as I understand there are a number of them on rent from London for San Francisco & I want to know what to do a say about them". Have you fully covered these by your patents and if so can you give the number of the patents

Yours truly  
G B Prescott

T. A. EDISON.

2  
7<sup>12</sup> pm.  
Menlo Park, N. J., Sept 12 1878

Chicago, Ill 12

T. A. Edison

Please send some  
Carbons tomorrow last lot over  
half broken on arrival

E. M. Barton  
Secy

13 paid  
J. G.

ARTHUR STALER, Pres.  
CHAS. M. BARTON, Secy

Office of  
Western Electric Manufacturing Co.

GEORGE H. BLISS, Genl Mgr  
CLARENCE BROWN, Cashier

244 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring St. Chicago.

SEPT. 12, 1878.

THOS. A. EDISON ESQ.,

MENLO PARK

N. J.

DEAR SIR:---

WE HAVE TELEGRAPHED REQUESTING  
YOU TO SEND SOME CARBONS TO-MORROW.

THE CARBONS FIRST RECEIVED GENERALLY CAME  
OUT IN GOOD SHAPE; WE LOST BUT FEW. A LARGER  
PROPORTION ARE NOW BROKEN ON ARRIVAL.

WE THINK BETTER RESULTS COULD BE SECURED  
BY HAVING THE BOTTOM OF THE BOX CUSHIONED  
A LITTLE.

WE SEND TO-DAY BY EXPRESS TWO OF THE SOUNDER  
CARBON TELEPHONE SETS, SUCH AS WE ARE MAKING  
FOR THE GOLD & STOCK. PLEASE ADVISE US  
WHETHER WE CAN REPORT TO THEM THAT THIS HAS  
BEEN DELIVERED TO YOU, AND LET YOU SETTLE  
WITH THE GOLD & STOCK, OR WHETHER YOU WOULD  
PREFER TO HAVE US CHARGE THESE UP TO YOU  
IN OUR ACCOUNT. THE LATTER METHOD WOULD  
SUIT US.

YOURS TRULY,

E. M. BARTON, Sec'y

OK no  
reply to  
this



T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J., Sept 12 1877

Chicago Ill 12

T. A. Edison m Park  
We send two telephones with  
sounders and induction coils  
to day by Express

E m Boston  
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T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Sept 12 1878

Mr Dolan  
Can I have Nos 7 & 8  
from New Brunswick East  
Edison

Griff  
unt  
and  
the  
top  
M. E. Davis Esq

New York April 13. 1878

Dear Sir - There are two things  
I want you to do - or hold up  
your hand and swear you'll do  
it - First is I want a  
likeness of you, with your signature  
to place in my office - If you  
have any snob, or know of any,  
please get one at my expense  
and put your "ing" to it -

The second is, to have your  
little Bregman send me out  
of the complete sets he is making.  
I was at his shop this morning  
and like what he is doing  
so well, that I would be  
obliged to you if you would  
have him forward them early.

Yours Truly  
J. M. Davis

3 Ruatan Bay Islands  
Sept 13 1878

Dear Sir

I read some days ago your card regarding the controversy between yourself and Prof Hughes. This being the first and only information I have of your invention of the Lipphone or Phonophone. I would feel much obliged to you if you would give me further information and also the cost of an instrument. I wish to purchase one for my own use. I am not scientific but have a great inclination for all novelties and improvements.

Yours Truly

Geo. A. Brown

Prof Thomas A Edison  
Wentz Park N.J.

Direct card to Oliver H. Brown  
New Orleans  
La.

Ruatan Bay Islands  
(where that?)  
Sept 13 1898

Geo H Brown  
% S Oquirro  
N Orleans  
La

Cust no = 78  
Telephones \$50 each

T. A. EDISON.

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7<sup>30</sup> PM

Menlo Park, N. J., Sept 11 1878

New York N.Y.

T. A. Edison in Pa.

Send diagram for connections. Telephone  
all completed all but that.

J. Bergmann

10 pairs  
N.C.

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Sept 11 1878

N.Y.

Mr Edison wants Sept  
2nd on Sept 5th that Carbon  
buttons would be sent to Chicago  
on the 7 were they sent  
- Geo. Walter

... we are quick

Geo. Walter  
one fully shipped September  
send the one thirty eight  
sent on Sept. 13th.

J. A. Edison

Department of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq,  
Camden, N. J.

26 182

Dear Sir:

I have been experimenting upon the magneto-electric Telephone with the hope of increasing its powers, and desiring to avail myself of the knowledge of those who have gone over the whole ground, upon one or two points. The helices which I have used have been of No 38 wire (American gauge) but I have understood that equally good results are obtained with No 34. The difference in mass, and consequently in resistance is a very great between these two numbers as to open a field for experiment too great for my limited time.

Will you do me the favor to state whether a given amount of resistance <sup>with helix</sup> has been found to give best results, or whether it is simply necessary to get a sufficient

number of coils around the magnet (within suitable limits as to space) in order to produce the strongest current by the transmitting instrument, and the greatest changes in the condition of the magnet in the Receiver.

Knowing that you have gone farther & deeper into this subject than any other man I have thought that without too great a loss of your time I might send information which may be of great assistance in my experiments which are those of an amateur.

Hoping for an early answer which will be very highly appreciated.

I am Respectfully

Yours, &c

Thomas P. Walker

Is  
Find it best to use  
50 turns resistance of  
any wire between  
St. Catharines

Batch  
persons  
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T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Sept 18, 1876

Ny 18 Edison no.

Can you come in tomorrow  
bring carbons. Replones ready  
inspection

Johnson

Yours  
T. A. E.



George B. Prescott  
Electrician

Electrician's Office  
Western Union-Telegraph Company  
New York, Sept 18 1878

My dear Edison

Yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> received. I will hold my  
look back until your new matter comes to hand.

Our cables are seriously troubled by induction  
between the wires, and what is said on one  
of your telephones on one wire, can be heard  
on all the others. Can you suggest any  
remedy. The matter is very serious especially  
for wires between here and Brooklyn.

Yours truly  
Geo. B. Prescott

It may be possible to compensate in the Call-house  
by magnets or Condensers, Foucault cables  
with foil on the outside of each conductor  
might do the business. I remember Ludwig  
telling me about 9 years ago in old  
A.P. office, will talk the matter over  
when I see you was in today 3 times  
but you were out. E

John H. Potter  
Frederick B. Harvey  
Geo. Walter Stone  
Charles Francis Stone  
George L. Kimball

PO Box 1836

Porter, Lowrey, Loren & Stone;

Attorneys & Counsellors at Law;

No. 3 Broad Street, (DREXEL BUILDING)

New York, N.Y., 199 187

Dear Cousin. Your note by S. is just in!  
And tracings of in Amer. 130. 135. 136. 141.  
142. 144. 146 147. 150. 151. 152.

Should be glad to do whatever I can  
to save you in which of them do you wish  
to have.

Yours.

G. H. S.

2419.78

G.W. Soren

Ans Sept 20 78

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Sept 21 1878

Ny 21

9a Edison  
ms

Please send some Carbon  
clm Phipps

For

P.O. Box 5045.

George Walker,  
New Scientist.

Gold & Stock Telegraph Company,  
Western Union Buildings,

New York, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1878.

Franklin Exp.  
Menlo Park.  
New Jersey.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 18th is received and I have instructed Mr Phelps and Mr Barton to have the words "Edison Carbon Telephone" conspicuously placed on every one of your instruments hereafter made. I do not know how the oversight occurred, for it was distinctly agreed in the contract between you and the W.U. Co. that this should be done, and we are as anxious as you can be that the instruments should bear your name. The success of them is every where extremely gratifying.

Our Executive Committee declines to give Mr Johnson the free use of your

instruments for exhibition, but I will bring before them the fact that you recommended it and perhaps they may change their views..

We are making exhibitions of it with great success at the American Institute, and we are also exhibiting it at Mechanics' Fairs in Boston and Baltimore.

It is a long time since I saw you, - come and see me when you are in town.

Yours very truly,

Gen. J. W. Garrison  
Vice Pres.

P.O. Box 5047.

George Walker,  
Western Union Bldg.

Gold & Stock Telegraph Company,  
Western Union Buildings,

New York, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 1876.

Thos. A. Edison Esq.,  
Menlo Park

New Jersey

Dear Sir,

By request of Messrs. Porter, Loring, & Stone  
I send you here with drawings in cases Nos. 130-  
135-136-141-143-144-146-147-150-151-152-  
which was used in the draft of your contract with  
the Western Union Co. I regret that there has  
been any delay in sending these to you but  
the question was referred to me by Mr. Stone and  
by me to Dr. Green, and the Dr. has been so  
much engaged for the last few days that he  
had not been able to give attention to it  
until I called his attention to it this  
morning.

Yours very truly,  
Sent by mail to-day George Walker  
Mae Place.

THE WESTERN ELECTRIC CO.  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

*Office of*  
*Western Electric Manufacturing Co.*  
*224 & 232 Wingo Street, Chicago.*

RECEIVED BY THE  
EDISON MFG. CO.

SEPT. 25, 1878

T. A. EDISON ESQ.

MENLO PARK

N. J.

DEAR SIR:---

THE TWO CARBON TELEPHONES SENT  
YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED TO THE GOLD & STOCK  
TEL. CO., BUT IF YOU WANT THE CHARGE TRANSFERRED  
TO YOUR ACCOUNT IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO DO SO.  
IF YOU WISH TRANSFER MADE PLEASE ADVISE.  
THE AMOUNT IS \$27.00.

YOURS TRULY,

C. W. BARTON, SEC'Y

*Charge to Gold  
to settle they are  
for test purposes*



Geo. S. Ladd, President.  
Jos. Gamble, Vice President.

M. Greenwood, Treasurer.  
Jno. I. Salin, Superintendent.

# Gold and Stock Telegraph Co.

Of California.

OFFICE, No. 222 SOMER STREET.

San Francisco, 28 Sept., 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.

Menlo Park. N. J.

My dear Sir:

Yours 11<sup>th</sup> just received. Of the 100 carbon buttons received, about 40 per cent are available for use, one half of those being slightly damaged. We have found no difficulty in making them here, but latterly we have pressed the powdered carbon into its proper receptacle in the transmitter instead of forming the button in a mould. This is more convenient and works well.

Mr. Walker writes me that Messrs Phelps and Bentley find buttons carved out of gas coke work well as the composition and are indestructible. Now is that?

Yours truly

Geo. S. Ladd,

President

By Oliver

Memorandum

Pittsburgh, Oct 2, 1876.

OFFICE OF THE  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF PAINTING  
TELEGRAPH CO.

J. D. Edison Esq

I wish you would send us  
about a dozen Carbons, <sup>belonging</sup> for Telephone -  
we have some troubles, and want to  
repair them here -

Yours

J. D. Daniel

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 3 1878

Em Barton  
220 Kinzie St Chicago

Send ~~me~~ <sup>to Menlo Park</sup> immediately twenty  
~~Telephones~~ <sup>Telephones</sup> same as last except make  
Sounders one hundred ohms and put  
on a top insulated point for closing  
a bell when circuit opens, answer  
when <sup>will be</sup> shipped, to ~~first English~~  
~~order.~~

Edison

34 AH

YHO  
994

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 5 1878

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Chicago  
Taldison Mf.

Expect to send the twenty carbon telephones  
sets as directed in about ten days

Em Barton

~~1878~~

say



142 Madison St.

OCT. 5TH,

T. A. EDISON ESQ.  
MENLO PARK, N.J.  
DEAR SIR:

MY LECTURE CAME OFF AT THE LITTLE TOWN  
OF BLACKBERRY IN THIS STATE ON THURSDAY EVE.  
HAD A CROWD-  
ED HOUSE AND GREAT ENTHUSIASM.  
COULDN'T DRIVE THE PEOPLE  
OUT TILL 11 P.M.

I BUILT A SHORT LINE IN THE TOWN AND  
BY USING AN EDISON TRANSMITTER WITH SEVERAL RECEIVERS  
IN THE AUDIENCE ROOM EVERY ONE COULD HEAR THE CONVER-  
SATION, SINGING AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FROM THE OTHER  
END OF THE LINE.

THOSE FARMERS THINK EDISON IS A DEUCE  
OF A FELLOW.

LOTS OF CHANCES TO EXPEND MORE WIND NOW.  
RESPECTFULLY,

*Geo. H. Albee*

T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 10 1878

N.Y. 10  
T. Edison

Please send some carbon  
atoms

J. Bergmann to

7 paid  
Dr 9

WILLIAM COTTON, President.  
GEORGE WALKER, Vice-President.  
Geo. B. FARMOUTH, Treasurer.  
Jas. D. REED, Secretary.  
GEORGE B. BERRY, Superintendent.

GOLD AND STOCK TELEGRAPH COMPANY,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

WESTERN UNION BUILDING.

P. O. Box 5645.

New York, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1878

Mr A Edison Esq  
Mento Park N.Y.  
Dear Sir,

Please give me  
the particulars regarding enclosed bill  
of \$1100<sup>00</sup> for Carbon Press & mould.  
We do not know where it is or for  
whom it was made.

Yours respectfully,  
Geo B Berry  
Supt

Enclosure

ARROW STATION, N. J.  
LEROY W. DUTTON, Sec'y.

GEORGE H. WILSON, Sec'y.  
ELLISON BRIDGE, N. J.

*Office of*  
*Western Electric Manufacturing Co.*  
*24 & 22 1/2 "Wings" Street, Chicago*

OCTOBER 15, 1878

THOMAS A. EDISON ESQ.

MENLO PARK

N. J.

DEAR SIR:---

THE CARBONS THAT WE ARE GETTING  
NOW ARE NOT SO GOOD AS THOSE WE WERE GETTING  
FORMERLY. THEY ARE MORE FLAKY.

WHILE THEY COME THROUGH WITHOUT BEING  
BROKEN, SHOWING APPARENTLY THAT THEY STAND  
THE JOURNEY BETTER, WHEN WE COME TO USE THEM  
A LARGE PROPORTION OF THEM ARE CRACKED AND  
FLAKE OFF.

YOURS TRULY,

*W. Barton*

SEC'Y

Geo. S. Ladd, President,  
Jas. Gamble, Vice President.

M. Greenwood, Treasurer,  
Jas. T. Salen, Superintendent.

# Gold and Stock Telegraph Co.

Of California.

OFFICE, No. 222 SANSOME STREET.

San Francisco, 19 October 1878.

P. A. Edison, Esq.,

Menlo Park,

N. J.

Dear Sir:

Yours 10. inst. to hand. We have not yet arranged to manufacture carbon telephones but expect to do so soon.

What will you charge us for the lamp black in quantities sufficient, say, for 500 buttons? Is it simply the lamp black gathered from a coal oil lamp, or is it otherwise specially treated, if so, how?

We have made up about two dozen with entire success. We do not mould carbon buttons, but pack the carbon into the receptacle, smoothing off and polishing the upper surface. No working effect is apparently the same and the carbon is not so easily broken as in the case of moulded buttons.

Yours truly,

Geo. S. Ladd  
President, &c.

*Cost of Carbon*  
*invented by Edison*  
*for telegraph*  
*San Francisco, 19 October 1878*  
*Spencer's Patent*  
*The lamp black is gathered from a coal oil lamp*  
*for 1000 buttons for each of 100 telegraph stations*  
*of equal size at 1 cent each*



P.O. No. 5695.

George Walker,  
Vice President.

Gold & Stock Telegraph Company;

Western Union Building;

New York, Oct. 21, 1878

Thos. A. Edison Esq.  
Mendota Park, N.J.

Dear Sir,

There has been constant complaint with regard to the fragility of the carbon buttons; a new instance coming to my knowledge this morning leads me to address you specially on the subject - Last week we sent twelve carbon buttons to Mr Merrick at Philadelphia; they were packed with great care but when they reached him they were reduced to a state of powder. We have had similar experiences from other quarters. Is there not some method by which these buttons can be made more tenacious? if not, can not you suggest any mode of packing which would be liable to the least objection? It seems to

me that a pill box, capable of holding six buttons, might be made just large enough to receive them, separating them perhaps with paste board buttons and putting cotton at the top and bottom to receive a slight pressure.

As we are likely to have a great many of these to send, and as the inconvenience resulting from their breakage is greater than the cost of replacing them, some method should be devised at once to avoid the difficulty. Please suggest one.

Yours very truly,  
George Washington  
Vice Pres.

WILLIAM ORRIN, President.  
GEORGE WALKER, Vice-President.  
CHAS. B. TOWNSEND, Vice-President.  
JAS. D. BIRD, Secretary.  
GEORGE H. BERRY, Superintendent.

GOLD AND STOCK TELEGRAPH COMPANY, P.  
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,  
WESTERN UNION BUILDING.

P. O. Box 5645.

New York, Oct 21 1878

Mr. Edison Esq  
Menlo Park N.J.  
Dear Sir,

The twelve carbon buttons  
which we ordered shipped to Capt. Morrihew  
were all broken when received by him.  
As you have shipped them heretofore to  
Chicago & San Francisco without breakage  
there must have been something wrong about  
the packing of this lot. Please send him  
another dozen in place of them, securely  
packed for transportation

Yours respectfully  
Geo. B. Bird  
Supt.

Geo. S. Ladd, President.  
Jos. Gamble, Vice President.

M. Greenwood, Treasurer.  
Jno. I. Sabin, Superintendent.

# Gold and Stock Telegraph Co.

Of California.

OFFICE, NO. 222 SANSOME STREET.

San Francisco, 23 October, 1878.

T. A. Edison Esq.  
Menlo Park  
New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

We send you herewith circulars as  
requested in your favor of 8th inst.

Yours truly, Geo. S. Ladd.

President

by Oliver

[ENCLOSURE]

AMERICAN  
Speaking Telephone.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 10th, 1878.

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WITH THE

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POWELL AND UNION,

No. 965 MISSION ST.,  
CALIFORNIA AND FILLMORE  
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Office: 222 SANSOME STREET.

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CALIFORNIA and FILLMORE

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# Telephone Line Contract.

CENTRAL SYSTEM.

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GOLD AND STOCK TELEGRAPH CO. OF CALIFORNIA:

Please furnish and lease to the undersigned a telegraph line from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Said line to be used in connection with the central office telephonic system of your Company.

The undersigned hereby agree to pay \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars, U. S. Gold Coin, per annum, in advance, for the rental of said telegraph line for a term of one year from the date hereof, and thereafter at the same rate, until this agreement is canceled by notice from one of the parties to the other.

The undersigned also agree to pay to said Telegraph Company five cents for each time orders said line connected to any other line in the said telephonic system, but there shall be no charge to the other subscriber, nor for subsequently disconnecting the lines. Bills for said service to be payable monthly.

The said Company shall keep said line in good working order at its own expense, and for that purpose its employees shall have free access to the instruments during business hours in order to test the line.

The Company will provide special signaling machinery for the subscribers to call its operators, and will keep operators constantly on duty to attend to customers' orders for switching lines.

In case of failure to comply with the conditions of this Lease, it may be terminated at the option of either of the parties hereto, upon giving notice to the other, in writing.

Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ 187 .

GOLD AND STOCK TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA,

By \_\_\_\_\_

T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J.,

Oct 26 1878

E. M. Barton  
Secy Chicago

We will wait for  
telephones with lettering  
as specified  
T. A. Edison

T. A. H.

9:00 am  
9:15 am

HENRY BENTLEY  
President.  
WM. P. WHEATLAND  
Secy and Treas.  
SAMUEL M. PLUSH  
Superintendent.  
HARRISON STILES  
Manager.

# Philadelphia Local Telegraph Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

GOLD AND STOCK REPORTING TELEGRAPH,

107 South Third Street.

This Company will furnish on Current Gold and Stock Quotations, Government Securities, Cotton, Naval Stores, Breadstuffs, Petroleum, Provisions, Produce Exchange, and General Commercial and Financial News Reports from all the principal Cities in the United States, and also, from one to three daily from Paris, London, Liverpool, Antwerp, Frankfurt, (Germany), etc. etc. as the Subscribers as can be obtained by experienced Reporters, but will not be responsible for any transmission sent thereon. We also furnish Commercial, Shipping, and Marine News Reports from all the principal Seaports in North and South America, Europe, India, China, Japan, Australia, Cuba, etc. etc. as may be desired as well as receive by telegraph from Abroad by Cable, Registered telegrams at reduced rates.

Philadelphia, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1878.

Prof. Thos. A. Edison.  
Menlo Park.  
New Jersey.

Dear Sir.

Will you please send to me per return express C. O. D. about three or four carbon buttons, similar to those in your transmitter, they must be securely packed, or will not come to me in good order.

Very respectfully,  
Geo. B. Dr. eschert.  
Cashier.  
107 S. 3rd St.  
Philada

200's  
no charge

20 Tremont Temple  
Boston Mass  
Nov 2 '78  
Mr J A Edison -

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 31st ult is recd  
and acknowledged.  
Mr J. W. Loxbury 109 State St  
has examined my water battery  
says there is current enough  
to run your telephone.  
I will test it on Monday report  
and send you the result.

Respectfully yours  
Ephraim Cutler

P.S. In cells - copper & zinc.  
Runs while wet with water - on  
one occasion 52 hours till  
the water was evaporated.  
Electrolyzes water - starch & KI -  
leafy stalk &c.



142 La Salle St. Chicago, Nov. 4. 1878.

A. A. Edison Esq.,

Marble Park, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Ray has been in the Patent office for two months in this country and England with an application for a receiver based on his musical telephone experiment where the current is passed through the Rane to a revolving metal disc. I think you had better bring out your telephone receiver without delay and get the full credit of the first practical receiver without the use of a magnet.

Respectfully,

Geo. W. Allen

*Handwritten notes:*  
 "I should like to see the principle of the Edison receiver with a paper disc" -  
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Gold & Stock Telegraphs Company

Western Union Building

New York, Nov 6th 1878

500 Broadway, New York

George H. Waller,  
Electrician

Mr. A. Edison Esq.  
Menlo Park, N.J.

Dear Sir,

Your very truly,  
Kindly inform me of the fact?

Mr Ladd writes from San Francisco that, owing to the fragility of the carbon buttons, he has been trying the experiment of packing lamp black into the receptacle, and that he gets good results from it. Mr. Walter thinks you have already tried it, and he says that the objection would be that whereas the button is not attached at its circumference to the receptacle greater freedom of movement and impression is secured than would be by making it a solid mass within the receptacle. If you have tried this and found it unsatisfactory, will you

WILLIAM DAVIS, President.  
GEO. W. WARD, Vice-President,  
Geo. B. FINEST, Secretary,  
Jas. H. Burt, Secretary,  
GEO. H. Burt, Superintendent.

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GOLD AND STOCK TELEGRAPH COMPANY,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

WESTERN UNION BUILDING.

P. O. Box 5645.

New York... Nov 7 1878

J. A. Edison Esq.  
Pauls Park N.J.  
Dear Sir,

We have a good many  
carbon buttons broken in transportation.  
Can you not design a box or package  
that will hold them safely? I think if  
they were sent in a flat box of wood  
by express with cotton batting above and  
below they would not break. They should  
not be sent by mail as the Post office  
men open them.

Yours respectfully  
Geo. B. FINEST  
Supt

who has had  
it made (see spec)  
1/2 in. (see spec)  
to



WILLIAM COTYER, President.  
GEORGE WALSH, Vice-President.  
JAN. H. TROSBY, Secretary.  
GEORGE H. BOWT, Superintendent.

GOLD AND STOCK TELEGRAPH COMPANY, P

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

WESTERN UNION BUILDING.

P. O. Box 5645.

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New York, Nov 12 1878

J. A. Edison Esq  
Munlo Park N.J.  
Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of Nov 8th regarding the breaking of carbon buttons, I can recall no special case excepting that of the shipment of twelve to Supt Merrick on our order Oct 15th of which we notified you at the time.

Yours respectfully  
Geo H Scott  
Supt

S. BERGMANN & CO.,

No. 104 WOOSTER STREET,

MANUFACTURERS OF

Hotel and House Annunciators and Electrical Apparatus of all kinds,

NEW AND IMPROVED PRUD'HOMME BATTERIES A SPECIALTY.

SENT FOR CATALOG

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1878

My Dear Rachel

I have received a contract from the W. M. Co.  
for some telephones, they give me very  
short time on them especially the  
installments of 25. Will you therefore  
send me promptly

150 Carbon Buttons



Oblige  
S. Bergmann & Co.  
yds

Gold & Stock Telegraph Company

302 Broadway, N.Y.

William C. Adams, President,  
George W. H. Hall, Vice President,  
James D. H. Hall, Secretary

Western Union Building

New York, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1878

Prof. Dr. A. Edison  
Menlo Park N. J.

Yr  
Your letter of this date, with  
<sup>stated</sup> amt. of asking remittance, is  
rec<sup>d</sup> & has been handed over to my  
Supt. Scott.

Hereafter, when you send  
Carbon buttons to the Western Electric Co  
at Chicago & Supt. Phelps here, please  
require them to send you receipts & when  
you render your bills, let those receipts  
be annexed thereto. We must have  
the evidence in settling our accts with them  
and therefore require it of you

Very respectfully  
C. E. Heath  
Supt. of op.

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Patrick & ~~Ante~~  
Philo. Pa

Check for three hundred  
by mail this morning  
T A Edison

857

920 PM  
911A

# Philadelphia Local Telegraph Company,

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W. P. WHEATLAND, Secy & Treas.

SAMUEL S. FLESH, Supt.

HARRISON STILES, Manager.

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Philadelphia, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1878.

Prof. Thos. A. Edison.

Menlo Park, N.J.

My Dear Sir.

Your box of Carbon Buttons duly received, although but two in good order, the box had undergone bad handling. I have waited till the present time for your box, but have received none. I infer from your silence, that I will not be charged with them except my many thanks for kindness conferred, and hope may be able to receive at some future time.

Very respectfully

Geo. B. Wisner

Cashier

Gold & Stock Telegraphic Company,  
P.O. Box 5645,  
George Wilkes,  
Vice-President.

Western Union Building,

New York, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1878

to  
The Edison Corp.  
Menlo Park, N.J.  
Dear Sir,

I note that Messrs Pohlman & Nash, of  
Batavia, O. want telephones for exhibition purposes,  
and have ~~and~~ to say that we rent instru-  
ments for such uses at the following rates,  
for six months' time.

Edison transmitter & Melp duplex receiver,  
without battery, \$50.

Edison transmitter & Crown receiver,  
without battery, \$55.

Respectfully Yours,

George Washington  
Vice President

This also answers your question of the 20th  
inst. We charge this price because the  
instruments are a source of profit and they

are apt to receive rough usage.

Nov 21-78  
to India  
Exhibition  
of  
the  
Japan  
ex.

MORTON GIBBS, *President*,  
 GEORGE WALKER, { *Vice-Presidents*,  
 GED. H. PROSVITT, {  
 JAS. H. REID, *Secretary*,  
 GEORGE H. SCOTT, *Superintendent*.

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GOLD AND STOCK TELEGRAPH COMPANY, *P*

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

WESTERN UNION BUILDING.

P. O. Box 4195.

New York (Ms. A. 9.2.2.1878)

Wm Edison Esq  
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

Dear Sir,  
H. Bergmann & Co.  
are making 100 of your carbon  
transmitters for you. Will you  
please call them the necessary buttons  
to make up this order. We will  
pay you for them.

Yours respectfully  
Geo. B. Pratt  
Sept 7



Western Union Telegraph Company,

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT,

A. H. WATSON,  
Stockkeeper.

9 Day Street,

New York, Nov. 23 1878.

Mr. Saml. A. Edison

West Paul St. L.

My Dear Sir!

Please send me the  
100 telephones (from Mr. Murray) mentioned  
in my letter of Jan 10 your reply of  
Jan 20th want to clean inside up

Respectfully  
A. H. Watson

I want to see that electric light when  
you get it in shape again.

Thos. M. Edison Esq. New York Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1878

My Dear Sir,

If I understood you correctly on Friday last, you said your New Receiver would be ten times as loud as any one now in use; that it could be made as cheaply as any other, (say for one dollar each); and that it would not infringe upon any other invention in existence for that purpose.

Also, that the Gold & Steel Tel. Co. could have it for a yearly Royalty of one dollar on each one they use, with the option to use it or not as they please, and with the right at any time to fix a maximum Royalty at \$5,000. per annum instead of the one dollar per instrument.

If the above is correct, please write me to that effect tomorrow, and I will bring it before the Executive Committee at our next meeting which takes place on ~~Wednesday~~ <sup>Thursday</sup> ~~this week~~, instead of Monday -

Very truly Yours,  
Thos. M. Edison

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SEND NO CIRCULAR

Nov 26 1878  
Thos. A. Edison & Co.

At re. to Carbon Buttons - the  
Enclosed letter explains - you see  
the way. expect me to pay you  
for them.  
I want also 50 more for telephones  
I am going to make at the same  
time at your South American  
Custom.

This then makes 150 Carbon I must  
immediately for which I must pay  
you. What is your price to me

Will send you proper receipts  
for all you send immediately on receipt

Yours Truly

S. Bergmann

W. J. Johnson

NY Nov 26 98

J. B. Pennington & Co

Carbon Buttons

Repeid Nov 28

10 cts each

NEWTON GREEN, President,  
THOMAS WALKER, Treasurer,  
JAS. H. PLACOFF, Secretary,  
JAMES H. BERRY, Superintendent.

GOLD AND STOCK TELEGRAPH COMPANY,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,  
WESTERN UNION BUILDING.

P. O. Box 4105.

New York, Nov. 10, 1875

Mr. Edison & Co.  
New York City.

Dear Sir,

We have an order for five hundred  
and fifty Edison telephones for us.  
Please supply them with the  
necessary number of carbon buttons  
to be used in them at their expense.

Yours respectfully,  
Geo. B. Jewell  
Supt.

NATHAN GREEN, *President*,  
GEORGE W. LAMSON, *Vice-President*,  
CHAS. B. FRENCHOTT, *Secy.*,  
JAS. D. BROWN, *Manager*,  
GEORGE E. SMITH, *Superintendent*.

GOLD AND STOCK TELEGRAPH COMPANY, *P*

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,  
WESTERN UNION BUILDING.

P. O. Box 4195.

New York, Dec 5, 1878

N. C. Edison Esq.  
Mentlo Park N.Y.

Dear Sir,

This Company has no  
objection to your furnishing one or  
two carbon buttons to Oliver Smith  
of Bridgeton N.Y. for experimental  
purposes at his expense

Yours respectfully  
Geo B Ziehl

Supt RWP

Oscar Smith,  
President.

OFFICE OF THE

Ed. F. Smith,  
Sec. and Treas.

**FERRACUTE MACHINE COMPANY.**

Foot and Power Presses, Dies, and all other Fruit Can Tools;

SPECIAL HARDWARE AND CENTRE DRILLING MACHINES.

Answering yours

of \_\_\_\_\_ Bridgeton, N. Jersey, Dec. 6, 1878.

Mr. T. A. Edison,  
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir:—

Yours of Nov. 29 is rec'd. to Mr. O. Smith. We wrote to Mr. Leath and have rec'd a permit from him which we enclose.

Please mail us a carbon button (mechanized as you use them in the telephone) or, if not expensive, two of them. They are to be used only in amateur laboratory experiments. Mail bill and we will remit.

With thanks for your kind attention we are Yours truly,

Ferracuta Machine Co.,  
Per O. Smith, Pres.



Send stamp for Catalogue and Price List.  
 RETURN CARD, we  
 satisfactory business  
 transaction.

STRAUB'S

**Scientific Grain Mill,  
 VERTICAL FRENCH BURR MILLS,**

11, 20 and 25 HORSE POWER, FOR GRINDING

**Grain, Middlings, Minerals & Paint,**

**A. W. STRAUB & CO.,**

2227-2229 and 2231 Wood St., Philada., Pa.

Smelling 22 south 57 St. & 4th

Philadelphia, Dec. 6th 1878

J. Edison Esq.

Minions Park, N. J.

Dear Sir

I have been experimenting with  
 "Telephone transmitters" using a button  
 covered with carbon. I shaved a small  
 hole  $\frac{1}{32}$  of an inch in the carbon button  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch  
 deep and put a small thin piece of electric  
 in it, which projects and presses against the  
 Diaphragm lightly and sustains the diaphragm  
 constantly or nearly so at the right distance  
 from the carbon contact as to make the  
 two remain in more constant adjustment  
 which is absolutely necessary to make it  
 practical.

My friends are at one to write to you

we don't have any difficulty - we have  
 called hundreds of the friends



ask you to try it and if you think  
it worth a patent to join you in  
it.

Please try it and let me hear from  
you before I approach some other party.

Yours very respectfully,

Alv. Straub.

Duplicate.

Alv. Straub  
June 10, 1878  
see letter from

P.O. Order 7647.

George W. Watkins,  
Vice-President.

Gold & Stock Telegraph Company

Western Union Building

New York, Dec 8th 1878

Thos. A. Edison Esq  
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir,

Referring to my letter to you, on the  
21st ult, giving prices of telephones for  
lecturing purposes, I have to say that the  
quote mentioned is for two sets of instruments,  
i.e. a transmitter & two receivers. But Sir,

I enclose letter received from J. D. Johnston,  
and would ask you to inform him  
that we will rent, for six months, one  
Carbon Transmitter & six Gelpi receivers at  
fifty dollars - payable in advance. (this  
is \$25. for 1 transmitter and 6 receivers, and \$5 each  
for five extra receivers.)

Yours very truly,

George W. Watkins  
Vice Pres.

Holbrook W. Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1878  
 Hon Geo. Wallis  
 V. P. Gold and Stock Co  
 New York

Dear Sir,  
 I have just learned from  
 Mr. J. H. Edgum your letter for  
 telephones. Hope you will abate your  
 terms in my case. I do not  
 wish to exhibit but lecture on the  
 whole field of the telephone and  
 kindred recent inventions. I am  
 under engagement with Laytons  
 Lyceum Bureau of Chicago to go  
 to a large number of cities and towns  
 in the West for that purpose.

I can get Bell's telephone for very  
 much less. In fact they make a  
 reduction for exhibition purposes.  
 For \$36.00 I can get six instruments.  
 I would like a number so that the  
 audience would not be disturbed.  
 What could you charge me for carbon  
 transmitter and full sized as a Bell's  
 received?

Yours Respectfully  
 J. C. Johnson

NY 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. '78  
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Physical Laboratory,  
Dr. Francis Sayre's College,  
44 W 15<sup>th</sup> St.,  
New York Dec. 9, 1878.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison,

Dear Sir:

I  
have tried everywhere in vain to get  
a couple of your carbon-buttons  
suitable for telephones; ~~xxx~~ even I  
have been unable to purchase a  
carbon telephone. Being very desirous to  
show your telephone to my class & in  
my public lectures I have, at the  
suggestion of my friend Mr. Robert  
Gibbs - who is well known to you -  
determined to apply directly to you  
for information.

I beg of you then to let me know  
by the enclosed card where I can get  
said buttons. If at New York please  
let me know on what day I can  
come or send for them.

By complying with the above

request you will confer a great  
favor on

Yours very sincerely,

Samuel H. Bushe, Jr.,  
Prof. Physics  
St. Francis Xavier  
119 W 15th St.

Obertin Smith,  
President.

OFFICE OF THE

Wm. F. Smith,  
Sec. and Treas.

**FERRACUTE MACHINE COMPANY.**

Foot and Power Presses, Dies, and all other Fruit Can Tools;

SPECIAL HARDWARE AND CENTRE DRILLING MACHINES.

Answering yours

of Dec 7

Bridgeport, N. Jersey, Dec 13, 1878.

Mr. D. Anderson,

Madison Park, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

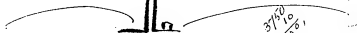
The buttons have just arrived.  
Thanks for your kind attention. The  
enclose #2. in payment.

To get the best effects in a greatly  
variable resistance, do you use a single  
button (compressed of course between 2 plat-  
inum covered plates) or several piled together?  
Of the latter method, how many? The  
reason we ask is that the buttons are thin  
ner than we supposed.

Yours very truly,

Ferracute Mach. Co.  
Wm F. Smith, Pres.

Bridgton N.Y.  
 Dec 13. 78  
 Oliver Smith  
 Gust Dec 16 78



$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \\ 46 \\ \hline 91 \\ 17 \\ \hline 108 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 3750 \\ 1875 \\ \hline 5625 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3750 \\ 3750 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

1875

Acad.



$$\begin{array}{r} 2500 \\ 2500 \\ \hline 5000 \\ 10000 \end{array}$$



19 Union Park St Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1878

**Received** from Mr. A. Edison

Five hundred Dollars per Annum Dollars.

Payable to date at Western Union from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1874 to Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1878

in full for the use of the telegraph company and

the Western Union

\$ 500.00 per contract. Chas. C. Caldwell

Dec 17. 78

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NY 17

10<sup>20</sup> AM

T. A. Edison  
ms

Western Electric out of  
Carbon & hurry them  
up and send two  
hundred and fifty  
a week till they tell  
you to stop. Telegraph  
them how soon you can start

some

Geo Walker

30X14.

7X14  
704

we may get some  
you should be very  
Edison



19  
**EDISON'S**  
**ELECTRIC PEN AND PRESS**  
Address  
**GEO. H. BLISS.**  
Genl. Manager.  
142 La Salle Street, Chicago, *Dec 2nd 1878*

T. A. Edison Esq.

Menlo Park. N. J.

Dear Sir.

Your previous letter stated that complications had arisen which would prevent your receiving from coming out at present. This made me a little blue; not knowing all the facts, I feared a so me jangle of ink and paper which would operate to your disadvantage. Of course it is none of my business but I can't help feeling interested whenever your reputation as an inventor & a man is involved. The Western Union people are going to have no

20.

easy victory in the telephone field, & need every possible advantage which can be obtained. I believe that with your new receiver they could get an increased rental & bring the terms up to some point where there would be a profit in the transaction.

Respy.

Geo. H. Bliss

Gen. Man.

AMONG OTHERS: Prof.  
EDISON IN BOSTON, Mass.

MORSE & BLISS Co. Ac-  
tually in BUREAU, New York.

*Office of*  
*Western Electric Manufacturing Co.*  
*24 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York.*

DEC. 24, 1878

T. A. EDISON ESQ.,

MENLO PARK

N. J.

DEAR SIR:--

WE ARE INFORMED BY MR. ROSS, MAN-  
AGER OF THE W. U. TEL. CO.'S OFFICE AT COLUMBUS,  
THAT THE BELL TELEPHONE CO. HAVE FURNISHED  
A FEW MICROPHONES, AS THEY CALL THEM, TO CUS-  
TOMERS AT COLUMBUS, O.

MR. ROSS WRITES THAT THE BELL AGENT THERE  
IS MUCH DISCOURAGED WITH THEIR BATTERY MICRO-  
PHONES. WHEN ADJUSTED FOR ONE TONE OF VOICE  
THEY TRANSMIT LOUDLY; ANY CHANGE OF VOICE  
KNOCKS IT ENDWAYS. HIS EXPERIENCE IS SO FAR  
THAT IT HAS TO BE ADJUSTED EVERY TIME THEY  
WANT TO USE IT.

YOURS TRULY,

*Wm. Barton*

SEC'y

Gold & Stock Telegraph Company,  
Western Union Building,  
P.O. Box 3045.

George H. Wells,  
Vice President.

New York, Dec. 24, 1878

J. H. A. Edison Esq  
Mauls Road N.J.

Dear Sir,

I find that Mr. Reid, in preparing the copies of our contract with relation to the Canada patents, inadvertently put the names of the J. H. A. to them instead of those of the Am. E. & S. Co.; & I signed them as Vice Pres. of the former Co. instead of as Pres. of the latter. I am having new copies made, & if you will bring yours in the next time you come to the city, we will exchange the new copies & destroy the old.

I have instructed Mr. Scott

to load into your bill for  
carbon buttons and this  
morning is included to  
my order.

Yours very truly

Georg Meckel

Wied. Rost.

11/12 Dec 24 '78

Dr. Geo. Meckel

Regarding the contract  
between the 9 & 10  
& Edison (Telephone)

P.O. Box, 7643.

William C. Brown, President.  
George W. H. Hall, Vice President.  
J. B. Brown, Secretary.

Gold & Stock Telegraph Company.

Western Union Building.

New York, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 1878

My Dear Mr. Edison,

I have received a copy of your letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. to Dr. Green, which would have been rendered unnecessary, if Mr. Barker & myself could have seen you when we were at your place on Friday last, as we were authorized to accept your proposition in relation to your proposed new "Receiv<sup>r</sup>" as stated in your letter to me of 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. last, with the understanding that said Receiv<sup>r</sup>, when connected with your Carbon Transmitter by a Telegraphic Conductor, shall constitute a practical Speaking Telephone, which shall also not infringe any patent in existence not owned or controlled by the American Speaking Telephone Company.

I presume this is what you intended, as it is essential to its value, and if you will write me to that effect, the matter may be considered closed, and the papers can be prepared at once -

Very truly, Yours

Jesse P. Edison

P.S. A Merry Christmas to you.  
Please come see me when  
you come to the City again

WILLIAM CUNNEEN, President.  
GEORGE WALKER, Vice-President.  
GEO. B. PARSONS, Secy.  
JAS. D. SMITH, Secretary.  
GEORGE H. SCOTT, Superintendent.

GOLD AND STOCK TELEGRAPH COMPANY, L

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,  
WESTERN UNION BUILDING.

P. O. Box 5645.

4275

New York, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1878

Mr Edison Esq,  
Meads Park N.J.  
Dear Sir

Your letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec to Vice Pres Walker is recd, and has been referred to me for particulars.

All accounts, or statements which you send to me, will receive prompt attention, as you will see by the following facts. Your bill for \$110 was passed for payment Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, bill for \$2,2<sup>00</sup> Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, and bill for \$41<sup>00</sup>, on Nov 19<sup>th</sup> total \$3634<sup>00</sup>. On Enquiry of Mr Saylor as to how the matter stands, I find the amounts placed to your credit

Yours respy  
Geo Walker  
Supt

Gold & Stock Telegraph Company.

P.O. Box 5645.

Western Union Building;

George H. Wallcut,  
Vice President.

New York, Dec 31st 1898

Mr. Edison Esq  
Menlo Park

New Jersey.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter dated yesterday,  
enclosing a communication from L.W. Byer, we  
have no objection to your selling him some  
of your carbon for experimental purposes; it  
being clearly understood that neither ~~the~~ you  
nor we authorize him to make telephones  
in competition with ourselves or in infringe-  
ment of your patent.

Respectfully yours,

George H. Wallcut  
Vice Pres.

As you have put our  
telephone negotiation  
in black and white  
I will do the same  
I will on Tuesday  
put up a pair of  
telephones for trial  
& submit copies of  
claims & drawings  
of my 13 applications  
with my experimental  
records

[TRANSCRIPTION]

TAE to ?

[1878]

As you have put our telephone negotiation in black and white I will do the same. I will on Tuesday put up a pair of telephones for trial & submit copies of claims & drawings of my 13 applications with my experimental records



My Dear Sir -

I am very busy & ~~am~~ may  
not be in my this week - Should like to  
~~have~~ <sup>the</sup> manager for your letter ~~on~~ on my  
telephone, so if he <sup>can</sup> ~~can~~ see it can  
be submitted to initiation under the  
subject -

from NY to Chas. B. B. B. B.  
and I have two here immediately with the  
subject being matter.

Room 47

Day T A. Edwards

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

1878

Chicago 18

T. A. Edison mrs

We sent two new telephones and  
the induction coils by today's Express  
did you send buttons your  
telephone continues to work  
well answer

E. M. Barton  
Recy

23 paid

Reply

E. M. Barton Chicago

Glad to hear it. Buttons  
sent by Express Saturday

T. A. Edison

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

187

Chicago 21

T. A. Edison

We sent you by Express  
Wednesday a carbon telephone  
advised we found our binding  
posts were too long after shipping  
them off we get buttons on so  
as to work as well as yours  
but can't do it yet as well  
with silk disks answer

E. M. Barton  
Recy

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J.,

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EM Barton

W.E. Mfg Co

Chicago,

Better about new box, it is a  
great improvement and I think  
will not be altered soon, will  
telegraph Sunday when it will  
be shipped, your transmitters are first class

E A Edison

30 Oct,

Phila

Edison

Apr. 16

Can you give us a list this pm by  
way of New York if we have the wires fixed can  
you also send us one or two Carbon Transmitters  
this afternoon to take the place of the  
two old ones we are not having satisfaction  
with want send one to Washington  
tomorrow to make a list =

Bentley =

Bentley.

Do not count last test we found  
that we had a loose wire inside  
transmitter, —

Edison

Henry Bentley — Philad  
our transmitter was so very miserable  
that we want to try it over again <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~  
morrow

Edison

Geramantown pa

12: J A Edison

All right try it again  
Wednesday same hour —  
Bentley =

Telegram

Henry Bentley, Philadelphia Pa

Mail Telephone & I will

return immediately. Have less expectation

~~1 telephone work~~

Edison

W. L.

## DIRECTIONS

FOR GETTING UP

### The Edison Transmitter Boxes.

Battery (either carbon or gravity) is needed at each station, and is used alternately as local and main. It is used as local when talking, and as main to call with.

The battery at all the stations is left on the main circuit for calling, except when conversation is being carried on. The switch changes the battery from the local circuit to the main line. The battery of one station remaining in circuit does not interfere with talking between any other two stations.

Connect the battery at each station to the binding posts at the top and left of the box, the zinc pole to the post marked "Z," and the copper or carbon pole to the post marked "C."

The posts at the right with lightning arrester plate between them are for line connections. They are also marked "Z" and "C," because when the battery is connected as above described, the one marked "Z" connects with the zinc pole, and the one marked "C" connects with the copper pole of the battery. Connect the zinc at each station to copper at the next station, so that batteries for calling will work together and not in opposition.

The binding posts at the bottom of the box are for connecting the hand telephones. One of these posts is marked "Z," the other "C," the notched tip of the hand telephone cord should be placed in the post marked "C." This is necessary so as to avoid danger of the battery current demagnetizing the magnet of the hand telephone.

For short lines one cell of carbon, or two cells of gravity battery are needed at each station. These are enough for speaking purposes for any length of line, but for long lines more cells are needed for calling. These may be placed at any point in the main circuit.

The carbon button of the Edison Transmitter is delicate and liable to disarrangement from a slight jar. The instrument should therefore be transported with great care, and the box should be fastened to the wall before the Transmitter is put into place.

1878. Telephone - Carbon Button Orders (D-78-039)

This folder contains material relating to the ordering of carbon buttons for Edison's telephones. The buttons were made at the Menlo Park laboratory and were supplied to the Western Electric Manufacturing Company and to S. Bergmann, the firms which were manufacturing the telephones, and to the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company, which had control of the invention in the United States and Canada. Included are correspondence, account sheets, orders, and receipts. Because of the routine nature of the items in this folder, none of the documents have been filmed.

1878. Telephone - Foreign (D-78-040)

Correspondence, some by Edison; memorandum by Edison, agreements, articles of incorporation, power of attorney, receipt, circulars.

Not selected: duplicate copies of correspondence, duplicate copies of agreements.

28 June  
negotiation of the  
purchase of

Bell's patents  
upon which to  
organize a  
Telephone Company  
here

If you have to  
visit me here  
personally I  
shall be happy  
to make the best  
use of them for  
you may be

p  
a. Lombard Street, E.C.  
London, 5 June 1878  
Thomas Edison Esq  
Boston

If you have  
any English patents  
of value on the  
Telephone you  
would better be  
on the ground  
with some action  
loss of time as  
I understand funds  
of mine are in  
active negotiation



JAMES PARTNICK.

FRANKLIN S. CARTER.

**Partrick & Carter,**

PRACTICAL TELEGRAPHERS AND ELECTRICIANS.

MANUFACTURERS OF AND DEALERS IN

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No. 38 South Fourth Street,

Manufactory, 614, 616 and 618 Fifth Street.

P.O. Box 5501.

39 Park Row.

Office New York

7 July 1878

My dear Sir;

By a recent arrangement I represent Mr. S. S. White and Mr. Elisha Gray in telephone & other matters, outside the U. States. I would like to meet you when you are in town this week, on what may prove of mutual advantage. If you will be so good as to send a brief message, or telegraph at my expense, as above, when you are in town in some day this week when I can call on you. I will esteem it a favor.

J. A. Edison Esq. Yours truly, J. W. Partrick

Philadelphia, July 11 1878  
 Mr. A. Edison Esq.  
 New York

Sir - We understand you have perfected your Telephone so it works splendidly - we have been waiting for them for Havana, and South America, you promised to write us when they were all right - I am about it; - Can't you let us have a pair for trial - we want to secure business for you with foreign countries and our correspondence and facilities are think are equal if not superior to any in the business - please reply

Yours truly  
 J. Partrick & Carter

JAMES PARTNUR,

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No. 38 South Fourth Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Philadelphia, Pa. July 14 1878

O. M. Edison Esq.

Windsor Park, Va.

My Sir - Yours of hand, one reason  
 why I wrote you was to conduct  
 your friend Butler at Havana  
 has given out he is your exclusive  
 agent, which we hope not and especially  
 as you promised us a show there, we  
 also have big influence in Guatemala  
 and know we can ride rough shod  
 over any one in that direction  
 as our correspondent is the Govt,  
 Director of Telegraphs there, and is  
 after some now hot - Can't you  
 let us have one set for testing  
 purpose want to get up calculator  
 in Spain - will return it in one  
 day if you say so

Partrick &amp; Carter

RECEIVED

Chicago 18 Dec 78

My Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowl-  
 -edge receipt of your favor  
 of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. forwarded  
 from N.Y. and to say that  
 the last of this week or the  
 first next I will call on  
 you at your place.

Respectfully,

J. D. Bailey  
 T. L. Edison Esq.  
 New Jersey }

P.O. Box 5645

William Carter, Manager.  
George McCall,  
Secy. B. Board,  
James B. Smith, Secretary

Gold & Stock Telegraph Company,

Western Union Buildings,

New York, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 1878

T. A. Edison Esq

Dear Sir

T. J. Smith (one of the family)

wants to make your acquaintance with  
the view of making arrangements for  
the introduction of your Telephone  
in South and Central America, in  
which countries he is acquainted.  
Anything you can do for him in  
the way of advancing your mutual  
interests will be deserved, as he  
is a good square young man

Truly Yours

Edw. S. S. S.

Memorandum.

FROM *Imre Kivalffy*

307 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street

TO *T. A. Edison Esq*

*Mead Park New Jersey*  
*New York Feb 24 1878*

Not by Name and Address in Public Sale.

Dear Sir.

I have just returned from Paris where I have made a number of important arrangements for American Inventions of. I have heard of you & am very desirous of seeing you as soon as possible & beg you to appoint a meeting at your very earliest convenience & greatly oblige  
Yours Truly *Imre Kivalffy*



Mr T. A. Edison  
Mead Park, N.J.

Dear Sir

Mr V. F. Butler

wishes to visit you in relation to your Telephone for Cuba, and any other invention you may have. I have arranged with him to go to your place Monday 11 A.M. Will you be at home? Please write me early Monday and

Yours Truly  
*W. F. Wheeler*



My dear Mr. Edison

Before I trouble you I must  
apologize for so doing - I was very  
much surprised at meeting a man  
today who told me he was Prof<sup>r</sup>  
Edison's agent for the Telephone in  
the Island of Cuba - the name  
is James - and I told him  
that I had an idea that he was  
mistaken that I was Butler of  
Alabama & I considered myself  
one of Professor Edison's special staff  
& his head cook & bottle washer  
in Cuba - & nearly two years on  
his respectable service - & that if  
there was any telephoning to be done  
that I was the boy who was going  
to do it - You can send me my  
instrument as soon as you like

U B Batten Dec  
Mar 8

& above all let me have full  
instructions for translation into  
Spanish as also your special  
improvements - Notes will inform  
for publication in the papers -

I shall repeat my very  
pleasant meet soon

Trusford  
J. B. Batten

Regards to V. B. Batten -

New York

12 March '76

My dear Sir:

Since my interview with you  
some points have occurred to me in con-  
nection with which I think it would  
be well for us to have some conversation.

It is so much easier to arrive at an  
understanding by conversation than by  
writing that in case you are not coming  
to New York tomorrow or next day, I will  
run out to Menlo Park; if I may be  
sure to find you in, I will not now  
make appointments for any fixed hour, but  
will come out if those days (either Wed. or  
Thursday), if I shall be sure to find you  
at home. Please to telegraph me as soon  
as you receive this, Care New Orleans  
39 Park Row. Collect here whether I shall  
find you, or if you will be coming to let  
me know.

J. A. Edison Esq.

Yours truly, J. P. Bailey

(Telephone in France)

Month No. 1.

## THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company TRANSMITS and DELIVERS messages only on conditions, limiting its liability, which have been made fully the subject of the following report.

Messages may be sent by night only by repeating a message back to the sending station for signature, and the Company will not be held liable for any loss or damage in consequence of any error in the transmission of messages.

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A. N. BREWER, Sec'y.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Date: *New York Mar 18<sup>th</sup>* 1878

Received at: \_\_\_\_\_

To: *J. A. Edison*

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Shall I find  
you here tomorrow  
afternoon answer paid

J. A. Bailey  
Emmett House



812-130000  
Mar 22-78  
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ms. 13. 7. 1.

Confidential

Everett, Mass.  
Union Square, New York  
Kings & Queens.

22 March 78

My Dear Sir: I was  
sorry to miss you the  
other day. I wanted to say  
to you that in case of  
a union of interests I  
shall work just as  
assiduously to extend your  
operation, and the knowledge  
of your inventions through  
the Press of Europe, as I  
shall that of my own.  
in all other ways, as this  
would be a legitimate

way of strengthening the  
business interest,

Yours very truly,

J. F. Bailey

Care Brown & Hubley  
Hos. <sup>Baughman</sup> London. E.C.

L. G. Gordon Esq

J. Bailey  
Mar 22.  
Yale

Everett House,  
Union Square, New York  
Hunt & Hunt.

22 Feb. 76

Dear Mr. Bliss, Dr. White,  
being here to-day has kept  
me very busy. I slipped  
you writing to Purpus.  
I will write you &  
hope to hear from you.

Yours sincerely

J. F. Bailey

Care Brown Shipley  
Providence, R.I.  
London, E.C.

Feb 22 1876

WM. H. CROSSMAN,  
GEO. W. CROSSMAN,  
P. O. BOX 2232.

OFFICE OF  
W. H. CROSSMAN & BRO.,  
Commission Hardware,

112 CHAMBERS STREET,  
New York, April 18 1878

Mr. Thos. A. Edison  
Newark, N. J.  
Dear Sir

A correspondent of ours in Chili  
has written us as follows. —

"We have read a translation from the 'Scien-  
'tific American' by which it appears there  
"has been an improvement in the Alphabet-  
"ical Instrument of Mr. Thos. A. Edison, and  
"that they append the telephone to it. We have  
"a set here which have been only used at the  
"Santiago Exhibition and, shall be glad to  
"know if the late improvements could be ap-  
"plied to these instruments or exchanged."

Please give us any information  
you can, with costs &c.

and oblige

Yours Truly

W. H. Crossman & Bro.

W. H. Crossman & Bro.

JAMES PARTWICK.

FRANKLIN A. CARTER.

**Partrick & Carter,**  
PRACTICAL TELEGRAPHERS and ELECTRICIANS,  
MANUFACTURERS OF AND DEALERS IN  
TELEGRAPH and ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENTS and SUPPLIES,  
No. 38 South Fourth Street,  
Manufactory, 614, 616 and 618 Filbert Street.

Philadelphia, Oct 19 1877

J. R. Chinn  
My dear Mr. Park  
Offer- I haven't had time  
to come to Minn lately to see  
you as I wanted to badly I  
want to get from you a set  
of your Telephones I know them,  
so I can make some as  
you and I spoke about doing  
for Dept. and pay you  
a royalty upon them, I  
think I have a good field  
in Central America, I will  
keep the thing perfectly  
quiet and to myself  
so will my correspondents.  
= If you send me a set  
I can let you have them

Joe Patrick

Apr. 19

again in a day or two, or if  
you send me a note of  
this kind, Mr. Bentley let  
me I have set of my  
Telephones for day or two  
he will return them - I  
will be all right - Please  
do so soon. And with yours

Joe Patrick

Careless answer

Joe Patrick -

Wait a few days  
until my new permanent  
form is ready

E. C. C.

OSTHEIMER BROTHERS,  
30 BANK STREET,  
PHILADELPHIA.

Philad April 29<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Mr Thomas A Edison.

My dear Sir.

We are in receipt of a letter from Dr F. Mizerka,  
Imperial Royal Counselor to the Court of Austria and Chief Commissioner  
to the late Centennial Exposition, requesting us to send him for the  
use of the "Levrasberer" (Practical League) at Vienna,  
the most improved Telephone, now in existence.

We have in use a Bell's telephone, and are now fully  
satisfied, but recently, the writer attended a lecture given  
by Prof Barker, in which your Carbon telephone was  
explained and we phoned before buying another instrument,  
like to hear more about yours.

Would you have the kindness to give us full details  
about your Carbon telephone, the advantages it possesses  
over the others, and at what price we could buy a  
complete instrument for Austria.

Also please let us know the price of a phonograph  
should we wish to send one to Dr Mizerka.

Yours kind attention, will greatly oblige

Yours most respectfully,  
Ostheimer Brothers.

Samuel H. Serrall's

OFFICES FOR PROCURING

American & Foreign Patents,

78 CHAMBERS STREET,

(P. O. Box 1089)

Mr. A. Edison Esq.

Dear Sir;

New York, May 6<sup>th</sup> 1878.

I send below a copy of a communication from my London correspondent.

Yours truly  
Samuel H. Serrall  
A. Serrall

" We regret very much to be obliged to report the failures of Telephone (Edison) up to the present. we had a conversation with Mr. Greese on the subject this week and he appears to have written very fully to Mr. Edison. We have not seen Mr. Edison yet but we understand that he is working very hard to try to put matters right and is very annoyed naturally. The difficulty is with the underground wires and a telephone is useless here unless it will work when some of the wires are underground. Mr. Greese is very much disappointed. Of course Messrs. Vallance cannot proceed until the Telephone works well and let us hope this will be done before something else better gets into the market "



Montreal

May 8<sup>th</sup> 1878

Dear Edison

You need Badger  
is alive, awake, and eager  
for the prize.

Send along the Telephone and  
I will soon demonstrate the  
subscriber's intentions to work the  
"contract" to our mutual satisfaction.

Yours in suspense  
J. H. B.

Can't you put in a bid on this?

Montreal

May 16<sup>th</sup> 78

Dear Edison

Yrs of 10th inst. recd.

I will transfer all outside  
side of Montreal for  
\$25,000. (~~Twenty~~ five thousand)  
50% of which will be your  
commission.

I have such confidence in  
you and the success of the  
Telephone that I feel sure  
I can make twice that amt.  
in Montreal within a year  
in putting in lines.

Yrs. &c. B. D. R. B. D. R.

307. East 56<sup>th</sup> St  
New York May 29/78

My Dear Mr Edison

I heard that you have  
also the Musical Telephone  
to be used for concerts of  
Could I arrange with you  
for that for Europe? If  
So please let me know  
on what terms or where  
I can meet you in New York  
to arrange about this matter  
an early reply will oblige  
Yours truly

Imre Kiraly

From Kiraly  
and June 1878

11/1/78

Mr. Edison, 307 East 56th St, New York

(May 1878?)

message from N. Y. to

J. A. Edison or Batchelor

please let entire set come  
and bells accompanying telephones to day  
and

J. J. Smith

we have had to send the instrument yet ready  
for you to Phil. for some reason  
I will have more soon

Care Ludwig & rs to den

Cable

Sent 6:30 PM  
June 1<sup>st</sup> / 78

Gouraud ~~London~~  
London.

England.

Take charge my Telephone in

Edison

*of paid*

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 78  
Edison Memo. P. M. G.

Your Combination with Gray seems  
Substantial monopoly England  
Wait letter before writing Preece

17 London

Bailey

307. East 56 Street  
New York June 4 '78

My dear Mr Edison,

Yours of 3<sup>d</sup> to hand. I should  
be pleased to use the American  
Telephone in Europe, on  
a percentage of the Gross  
receipts. I have my Mother  
in Law in Paris now who  
has written to me about it  
before I wrote to you. If you  
would be prepared to arrange  
on such terms I will come  
to see you any day you  
like.

Yours truly,

Imre Kovalich

NY June 5-78

Imre Kivalfy

Musical Telephone

307 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York June 5-78

My Dear Mr. Edison

If you will furnish me with  
a complete & good working  
Musical Telephone with the  
Sole Right for Europe I will  
see that it is properly brought  
before the Public there & give  
you ten (10) per Cent. of all  
the gross receipts derived out  
of it, my Brother in Law  
now in Paris would start  
a Concert as soon as possible  
if we arrange.

Respectfully Yours  
Imre Kivalfy



T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., June 7, 1878

Cable Telegram

Edison Menlo Park

Ship six telephones immediately  
Gouraud

London

Memorandum

FROM

Imre Kivalffy  
New York

TO

T. A. Edison &  
Menlo Park  
N. Y. June 8, 1878

Effly Blue not used H. Edison, N.Y.

I will write your proposition  
to my brother in Law at once he  
will then cable me. please let  
me have the refusal until I hear  
from him & oblige you truly

Imre Kivalffy

London, 8 June 1886

My dear Sir,

On receiving your cable "call  
on Comand & Lombard," I had  
an interview with him. Afterwards  
I sent you the cable inquiring  
whether you were "committed to  
Comand or were free to negotiate  
personally." Mr. C. showed me  
a telegram from you authorizing  
= me him to "take charge of"  
your telephone in England. But  
I did not feel sure from that,  
as to the extent to which he  
was authorized to act for you, &  
hence sent the last cable. Your  
response was only "yes." Mr.  
"Comand has full power," not =  
= misunderstanding the different phrase  
put on the matter by these cables,  
from that which we supposed it  
to mean when our letters of

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the 5<sup>th</sup> were written. Mr. Pope and  
Shore decided to send these letters  
to you. I return to Paris this  
evening, but Mr. Pope and  
another gentleman who will  
represent me, will talk with  
Mr. Comand and work on the  
subject of combination, though  
in any form of the negotiation.  
It seems more feasible to offer  
you a fixed sum for your  
telephone patents, & may bring  
this about if you figures are  
not too high. I do not touch  
this subject in the conversation  
with Comand. You must  
bear in mind that the tele-  
= phone field is a good deal  
cut up, and any patent will be  
attended with a good deal of litigation.  
= Even if the attempt is to be

21. 10. 1894

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seriously made to enforce it,  
the time for fancy prices has  
gone by, and I hope that you  
will take these suggestions as  
fairly representing the situation,  
and not as made for the purpose  
of "beating you down". The  
situation is much muddled,

and no one is going to pay a  
large price for any of the patents.  
I would suggest that on  
receipt of this you cable to  
me or to Graham if he has not  
already the information; what  
is your lowest selling price  
for your telephone patents, in  
case that form of the business  
should come up. My advice, as also  
that of Mr. Pike is that the Cullcock & Co.  
41 Lombard St, London.

Yours very truly,  
J. A. Edison Esq. H. R. Bailey,

Montreal  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> 78

Dear Edison

Yrs of 20<sup>th</sup> inst. rec<sup>d</sup>  
Since making the proposition  
to you I have given the matter  
fuller consideration and  
inasmuch as the field in this  
city is a large one for the intro-  
duction of the Telephone, likely  
to develop to such an extent

as to take up my whole connections outside of this  
attention for a year at city for the sum of  
Lease, and with the difference twelve hundred dollars (\$1200)  
try of obtaining any one to provided you accept fully  
handle the affair properly on the party to whom the transfe  
side of the City for me, I<sup>am</sup> is made.

have come to the conclusion  
that it would be best to con  
fine my efforts here, and  
therefore I am willing to  
relinquish all rights &

Very truly yours  
J. H. Badger

New York June 28<sup>th</sup> 78

J A Edison Esq  
Dr Sir

I have this day heard from Smith giving me the welcome intelligence that he has your Telephones in successful operation across the Isthmus from Panama to Aspinwall, also a set in successful working order for the P.M. Seco in Panama - He has been delayed in Panama longer than he anticipated owing to some trouble with the Govt about raising poles in the city - He hopes to be able to start South in July. He also informs me that he found Phillips telephones in use there to a very small extent - and in experimenting found the Phil receiver in combination with your transmitter to give much better results than your set complete. He found one of your Receivers partly demagnetized - was so at first test. The Panama RR have not concluded to take the set working from Panama to Aspinwall but should they do so we will be left

Without Telephones - In view of this fact he  
asked me to ascertain if you could & would  
let us have half dozen sets on credit  
(with all the latest improvements) in order that  
he may have them with him when he goes  
South, with a guarantee that he will return  
if not used - but of course they will  
be used - I will see that they are paid for in  
three months or returned intact.  
I hope the above will be satisfactory to you and  
that you will be able to let us have them  
at an early date -

Very truly yours

L. A. Ludwig  
197 Broadway

Answered July 25<sup>th</sup> 1898

Form 7.

## PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD CO.'S TELEGRAPH.

[Telegraph]

Received

Office

Operator

From

For

Table -

Edison

Shall I order telephones or  
guy wire patterns?

Puskas

12 Paris

Rm R 8

July 8-1896  
9:30 PM

Puskas

Paris

About new

pattern, will ship via London  
fifteen

10, paid



Express Note  
To L. A. Carlson Esq.  
Methen Park - New Jersey.  
From Geo. C. Bourard  
6 Lombard St. London E.C.

9 July 18  
Dear Mr. Carlson -  
"Await document before taking  
opinion counsel. Please put  
patented telephone down  
to go any one using carbon  
in telephone"

GCB

35 Broadway

New York July 10<sup>th</sup> 1878

Professor Thomas A. Edison  
Methen Park N.J.

Sir:

Please have the kindness  
to forward me at your earliest  
convenience, one or two of your  
descriptive lists of your telephone,  
as I wish to send them to Mexico  
by the steamer of next Saturday the  
13<sup>th</sup> inst.

Availing of this opportunity  
to place myself at your disposal  
I am Dear Sir

Yours Respectfully,  
Juan N. Navarro  
Mexican Consul Genl  
San Francisco

Paris July 12<sup>th</sup> 78

Watch.

Have at last got cable finished from our  
shop so that I can connect to any part of France  
Telephones work real hot. I suppose you will be  
thinking it is about time I know I do. Gray telephone  
won't work at all Phelps does work but not as good  
as the Bell telephones that Gower brought from Boston  
Bailey showed the Phelps telephone to some newspaper men  
and telegraph men but I believe it was represented as  
the Gray. I asked Haskins for a Gray to see how it  
worked for a receiver for mine but he said it  
was no use they would not work that they were all  
out of adjustment. Showed our telephone to the American  
Commission today on an 18 mile wire and the most  
delicate whisper could be heard. It is a decided  
success the receivers that I use will lift their own  
weight that is the weight of the whole telephone the  
weight I make 4 parts they use such receivers I have  
got under ground wire to contend with I am going to get the mud  
in Monday I will put one end up in our space and the other in the  
Counting office. Pope tried to get it but could not I am very  
glad that I have got them as it will fill up our space  
nicely. We have a man for the other end of telephone that  
speaks 4 languages so everyone can get a chance to listen to Phelps.  
I say how is it that you said that MacLaughlin had gone to  
Australia I find that he is in London at the present  
there is some thing strange about it that I can't as yet  
see through. I read a letter from London that was

not intended for me to see it - "Mac is  
- in London. If there is any letter comes from him  
addressed to my care. Get them out of sight and  
don't break to a living soul on earth that he is  
here. He will very likely come to Paris with me."  
That letter was written by Beetle who is now in  
London to Doctor K - I don't understand it as  
yet.

Wams

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

July 15 1878

Cable.  
Edison M.P. N.S.  
Are telephones shipped  
Puskas  
London

Puskas London  
Will ship twenty-five  
Edison

Express Note  
To L.R. Collins Esq.  
Noelno Park - New Jersey

From Geo. E. Gouraud  
6 Lombard St. London - E.C.  
11 July 78

Telephone

As soon as there are. I shall  
make a list. Lots of people waiting  
waiting to see them. Have private  
wire ready connecting office with  
privately 3 mins. & will have  
connection also with Liverpool &  
Birmingham or Birmingham -  
Parker is here to get me to  
help him organize in Paris

Express Note

To L.R. Collins Esq.  
Noelno Park - New Jersey

From Geo. E. Gouraud  
6 Lombard St. London - E.C.

Let me know how you coming - on  
date of the short ones I am  
to have with you for negotiating  
your patents in this country.  
I propose for as a first time  
let you know if that will  
be satisfactory. Better enter  
deputy simply. Telephone, half  
will be sufficient. My idea  
is to make a London Co.

Express Note

To L.R. Collins Esq.  
Noelno Park - New Jersey

From Geo. E. Gouraud  
6 Lombard St. London - E.C.

& trying organize Telephone  
exchange long before in  
large cities - & I have  
the right people ready for  
it -

GE

From Gouraud

11:15:00  
Miles Park July 29 - 78 Monday

London July 15<sup>th</sup> 78

Telephonic

As soon as these arrive I shall make a stir  
of people anxiously awaiting to see them. Have private  
wire ready connecting office with Reading 3 miles and  
will have connection also with Liverpool and Glasgow  
or Edinburgh. Puckett is here to get me to help  
him organize in Paris. Let me hear from you in my interest  
of this. What show I am to have with you for negotiating your  
patents in this country. I propose 1% as a fair — (cont. make  
street - 9) Let me know if that will be satisfactory. Better  
Cable reply simply "Telephone Half" will be sufficient. My idea  
is to make a London Co. and in my organize Telephone Exchange here  
where in large cities and I have the right people ready for  
it.

J.E.J.

Received  
July 16<sup>th</sup> 1898  
Montreal  
J. P. B. B. B.

Montreal  
July 16<sup>th</sup> 98

Dear Edison

What about the party  
who wants telephone?

Have you any ready  
for me yet?

All party referred to  
Name a price for entire  
transfer?

Please answer  
Yr. truly

J. P. B. B. B.

New York July 15-78

S. L. Griffin Esq

Dear Sir

About a week or ten days ago  
Mr Edison promised to let me have two sets  
(Four Stations) Telephones, out of lot then being  
made by Carter? (I think) with all latest improvements,  
large receivers &c. I should like to have them  
soon as possible in order to ship them to  
Panama by next steamer - July 20th - I understand  
Edison has gone west. Can you let me have  
them and when? Freight will have to be  
delivered to steamer Friday July 17th. If  
unable to decide personally please  
communicate with Edison.

Very much obliged

Yours

L A Ludwig



Form No. 1.

**THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.**

The rates of this form, may require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the reverse side of the message, and subject to the condition of the license, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the message.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, New York.  
A. B. NEWELL, Sec'y.

Dated New York July 28 1878

Received at \_\_\_\_\_

To Mr Griffin

Will you have  
those telephones ready  
this week, would like  
to have them by Friday  
if possible.

L. A. Ludwig

Batch

Paris July 24 '78

I have a hard time in getting experimental apparatus made here, but I just thought today that I could get Murth to do all that I wanted in the time, and I would be sure to get them right. I have got some very good receivers now, what I may call bang up. I don't know how the jury is going to decide in the Telephone matter, as Picco has got two of his friends on the jury and that may go a little against us. I have rec'd. and accepted an invitation to go up in a Baloon on Saturday and if it busts I hope it will do so 35 miles above hell so that it will give a fellow a change his mind before he gets there. I have not got the quad yet but expect to get it soon as Pope has made a good deal of trouble about it and I have got to get the signature of the Ministers of France before I can get the apparatus. Bailey is trying to stop me from getting it as he says that Pope left his pair of Atty with him. Pope went back to America because he could not bottle himself here. When I come back I will tell you something rich about this. So ——— He did his best to hurt the Edison Telephone but it was after he got out of my reach. Bailey is here and so he can get out of it he put everything on Pope back but it don't work worth a cent as I have him (B) by the nuts —

Adams

WEXEL & DE GRESS,

WEXEL & DE GRESS,

J. W. WEXEL,

CITY OF MEXICO.

No. 514 CALLE DE PLATEROS,  
CITY OF MEXICO.

No. 185 CALLE DEL CAÑO,  
VALPARAISO, CHILE.

No. 121 A CALLE DE CARADIVA,  
LIMA, PERU.  
PANAMA. SANTIAGO.

SAN LUIS POTOSI. GUAYMAS.

Arms and Ammunition,

MILITARY EQUIPMENTS, &c.

FRANCIS DE GRESS,  
Cousin of J. W. WEXEL & Co.  
No. 78, MURRAY ST., N. Y.  
P. O. Box 1956.

13 BARCLAY ST,  
P. O. BOX, 5756

New York, July 25 1878

L. Griffen  
Case Pro Edison  
Merula Park  
N.Y.

Dear Sir

Please send us one "Edison Telephone"  
with two instruments, one for each end, with in-  
structions how to apply same to a common  
telegraph line. Also if we can guarantee  
its well working for 300 miles -

We have not yet been  
able to accomplish anything with Mr. Cheever,  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> inst. He expects a formal answer  
from a party in Mexico to whom he has  
written. Hoping to hear from you

with very best wishes & kind  
regards for yourself & Messrs. Bachelor & Blair  
a believe me

Yours sincerely  
J. W. Wexel

[ATTACHMENT]

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J.,

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*juwired*

*\$42.50 each for  
Telephone  
Battery  
Call bell*

No 2 ms ~~X~~  
Menlo Park, N. J.,

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July 25-78

Thos. A Edison

Rawlins W.

Gouraud asks if India is  
mentioned in Puckas contract  
If not wants power attorney  
has desirable party.

I strongly advise attending  
to Puckas request of this  
morning

Griffin

32 157  
497

~~Menlo~~ Park, N. J.,

~~July~~ 25 - 1878

Geo. J. Ward 16 Broadway  
NY  
Gouraud London - Puckas  
has India T. A. Edison

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4 Recd 2:15 P.M.  
Menlo Park, N. J., July 25 1878

Rawlins Wy 25-  
S. L. Griffin - m -

Cable Gouraud Puskas has  
India have. Telegraphed  
Batchelor the orders  
T. A. Edison

10-15X  
7/29

T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J., July 26 1878

L. A. Ludwig,  
197 Broadway NY

Will bring Telephones today  
Be there about ~~twelve~~ thirty

19:54

~~Edison~~  
T. A. Edison

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., July 27, 1878

Tadacom -

Can you get telephones  
to me by the earliest time  
possible sail Wednesday night

La Ludwig

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J.,

July 27, 1878

La Ludwig  
CND NY.

You will deliver telephones  
at twelve thirty tomorrow Tuesday

YAX

T. A. Edison

WEXEL & DE GRESS,

WEXEL & DE GRESS,

J. W. WEXEL,

CITY OF MEXICO.

No. 5 1<sup>a</sup> CALLE DE PLATERO,  
CITY OF MEXICO.

No. 160 CALLE DEL CARO,  
VALPARAISO, CHILE.

No. 721 A CALLE DE CARABAYA,  
LIMA, PERU.

PARAGUAY. SANTIAGO.

SAN LUIS POTOSI. GUANAJUATO.

Arms and Ammunition,

MILITARY EQUIPMENTS, &c

FRANCIS DE GRESS,  
Care of J. W. WEXEL & Co.  
No. 721 MARKET ST., N. Y.  
P. O. Box 569.

New York, July 29<sup>th</sup> 1896  
13 BACCLAY ST,  
P. O. BOX, 5756

S. L. Griffin, Esq.  
Mexico City  
N. J.

Dear Sir

Your kind favor of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst.  
is duly to hand, and thanks for its contents.  
Please send us by Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> the Tel-  
-phones ordered as per our letter of July  
25<sup>th</sup>. - The wires on which this will be used  
will not cross any rivers or water of any  
kind

Yours Respectfully  
Wexel & De Gress  
(H.)



(Service Message Form.)

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited.

NEW YORK STATION, 31 July 1898

Recd. from	Sent to
Date	Time
Day	Clock

No. of Message		No. of Words
From	To	
London Edison		
Have you shipped telephones?		
Gouraud		
Please wait me answer and say when Mr Edison is expected back from Colorado		
J. Ward		

Received July 31, 1898  
with copy registered July 2, 1898

Express Note

To: L. A. Edison, Esq.  
Newark, N. J.

From: Geo. E. Gouraud, Esq.  
6 Lombard St. London, E.C.  
2 Aug 1898.

What is the delay in your shipping the telephones? I can do nothing here until they are in hand, but have prepared the ground for an active campaign when they are received and found to work as I have no doubt they will. - Pushkin is unable to help me in the dilemma - and indeed, it seems undesirable that I should take any telephones from him in the light of your recent cable to him that he should not go on until he receives those from you to be shipped in the 20th. - I had hoped that you would ship me the telephones on that date. - It must now be nearly the month before the ones you promised to ship will be at hand. - I hope to see you in a day or two at the list of the members of the Royal Society.

T. A. EDISON,

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Aug 7

1888

L. C. Ludwig 197 Bay

Meet me at Tillotsons at ten  
thirty want to ~~get~~ return on  
Eleven o'clock train.

T. A. Edison

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WEXEL y DE GRESS,

No. 314 CALLE DE PLATEROS,  
CITY OF MEXICO.

No. 105 CALLE DEL CAÑO,  
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P. O. Box 593.

New York, Augt 9 1878

S L Griffin Esqr  
Mexico

Dear Sir

I have just returned from the White Mountains, where my family happened, and found your kind note of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst, and in compliance with your request please find enclosed Cheque for the amt of Invoice Augt 5/78.

I trust Mr Edison returned in good health & to whom please make my kind regards. Hoping you are well

Yours sincerely  
J W Wexel

T. A. EDISON.

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Monro Park, N. J. Aug 10. 1878

S. L. Gifford M.D.

Please bring Sept 10  
Tuesday 1878

STN  
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L. A. Lewis

T. A. EDISON.

No 1

2:15 pm

Menlo Park, N. J.

Aug 10

1876

J. A. Edison

Rawlins WY

Has Parker got Turkey  
for Carbon Telephone  
Can I sell two to go  
there

J. L. Hoffman

14 WH

g. Ty.®

THEO: PUSKAS  
REPRÉSENTANT DE M<sup>r</sup> EDISON  
A L'EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE  
PARIS 1878

Paris, le Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1878

M<sup>r</sup> Chas. Babbitt

SECTION DES ETATS-UNIS

Telephone better than I ever  
expected to get then everything  
favourable I think you may expect  
to get money from telephones in about  
3 weeks, I think in about that time  
everything will be fixed, going to export  
on Dover cable tomorrow week.

give you full particulars  
in a few days

kindest respects  
to all

Yours  

---

tell Ellen not to think anything  
about not getting letters & get on  
from me for I am busy day and  
night

THEO. PUSKAS  
REPRESENTANT DE L'EDISON  
A L'EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE  
SECTION DES ECRITES  
Paris, 1889

Paris Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1878

Mr Chas. Batchelor

Dear Sir

I wrote you a few lines the other day. but give you very little news. I shall give you all I know now give an exhibition of telephones on Thursday to financial men, and Friday for the press, experiments was most success full and I think that telephones in a financial point of view is O. K. Bailey is pushing Puskas hard to accept 50,000 francs cash and so much stock of the company, he is afraid that Puskas will back out and Russia, but I think that he will do better than either. as Bailey cant do anything with either Phillips or Gray. The Edison was the only one exhibited as it was useless to try to show any Magneto telephones where there was 50 or 60 Frenchmen and everyone the Gray telephon was thrown but it was not so bad as that said so was well paid for it by Bailey if it was not that they are working together I should have contradicted it. to show you what kind of a fellow Bailey is. he came to me in the



hall and says its no use to try to show off either the  
Phelps or Gray. So you just show your telephone and I  
will say that it is a combination of all three, for  
if we try to show the magnets it will be a failure and  
give three men that has come here with the intention of  
putting money in it a bad impression, I say so what  
you like but if any one asks me I must tell the truth  
so enters Dr. Hertz with six of the richest men in Europe  
the Hall was crowded, he stands on one side and asks  
for silence everyone got quite and then he introduced  
me and Puckas & Bailey to the gentlemen present, and  
said Gentlemen it is no use wasting your time trying  
either the Phelps or Gray telephones. The Edison telephone is  
what you want to listen to and the only telephone  
that is worth a damn. Bailey felt fearful bad over it  
and Hertz is a sorry man to say that he let the Edison  
telephone slide through his hands. he says he was a damned  
fool. and it was that son of a Bitch Puckas fault for  
he advised him to have nothing to do with it.

I used 12 receivers in current and could have put in  
as many more if I had them. I also showed that I could  
talk 10 feet away from transmitter in a very low tone  
and get it read that at other end. on short line you  
can talk 50 ft away from transmitter and get it stand out  
I have got bang up receivers I hope you will send me  
some as goods. I have been asked by some of the  
men that is going to buy telephone if I should stay in  
Paris and get everything in running order for them, and  
that they would pay me well for it, and I said I should  
provide Edison would give the current. write you in a  
few days and give you drawings and all about how the Phonograph

T. A. EDISON.

No 1

Sept 4

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 13 1878

Griffin  
ME

Just got your note  
found telephone what are you  
going to charge for these - will  
send check shall I make  
check to Edison

LH

L. A. Ludwig

T. A. EDISON.

2

1:30 PM.

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 12 1878

Ogden Utah NY

J L Griffin Menlo Park N J

You can sell in Turkey  
T. A. Edison

525H  
Jy 9

T. A. EDISON.

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Sept 9

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 15 1878

L A Ludwig NY

Make check to Chas Batchelor  
at Thirty five each  
Griffin

92H

New York Aug 13-78

J L Griffin Esq

Doris

I enclose check for  
\$140<sup>00</sup> for the four Telephone Stations -  
Remember I pay the \$35 each under protest to be  
referred to Edison when he returns - I did  
not get your note until about 2 o'clock  
today & consequently did not meet you -  
got the Telephones OK - Please send me  
a receipt for the amount - By the  
way - how about those Carbon buttons  
you were going to fix for me?  
When will Edison return

Yours  
L A Ludwig

T. A. EDISON.

✓

Cable

Menlo Park, N. J.

Aug 15

1878

Edison Menlo Park N. J.

Can you sell Telephone  
patents independent of Post  
am offered Twenty five thousand  
dollars for France & Russia  
or fifty thousand for Cash  
for Europe except England  
Have you received any money  
from Exhibitions & sales of Phonograph  
in France Answer me only  
Post office American  
Section Exposition

Adams Paris

5, Paris next 9

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T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J. 15<sup>th</sup>

1878

T. A. Edison R. Adams, N. J.

Can you sell telephone patents in  
depend of France I am offered  
Twenty five thousand dollars for  
France and Russia or fifty  
thousand cash for Europe  
except England. Have you  
received any money from  
Exhibition and sales of Phonograph  
in France answer me only  
Post office American section  
Exposition. Adams  
Batchelor.

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111 x 4 1/2

5, 23 P.

Mum's Book N. J. 4/5  
D. A. Edin  
Ravenscroft

Bliss writes cable from  
butte says prices in  
financial trouble dangerous  
Patchellon

11 Dec

T. A. EDISON.

1 Cable 4:50 PM

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 16 1876

Edison Menlo Park New Jersey

Prospect for disposing french  
telephone patent extremely good  
though Herz & Beetz trying hard  
to spoil it Beetz secured  
Peragency for Herz great  
 pity  
Puskas

20 paris  
Jy 9

T. A. EDISON.

2 Cable 4:50 PM

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 16 1878

Edison Menlo Park New Jersey

Humbly by Herz Beetz  
yesterday cable no  
weight Adams

12 paris  
Jy 9

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an agent or his partner under any circumstances or delivery of telegraphic messages.  
This message is an UNRECEIVED MESSAGE and is delivered by request of the sender under the name of the sender as stated above.  
J. B. TRUWEN, Sec. (ARSON STAGER, Vice-Pres't, Chicago, Ill.) WILLIAM CUNY, Pres. 12 an

From Chicago  
To Rev. A. Edison

Send at N. E. cor. Third and Olive Streets,  
St. LOUIS, MO.  
Early 13 1878

*Beckle states it as a  
fact don't know whether authentic  
or not am expecting you  
in morning*  
*Don't send*

*17 D. H. M. A. K.*

**READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.**

T. A. EDISON.

No 1

9<sup>58</sup> am

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 24 1878

Edison Menlo Park

Can I accept twenty five  
Thousand dollars cash  
Telephone France and Russia  
Puskas refuses he is bound  
to Bailey answer  
Hilborne Roosevelt

25 Paris  
29

T. A. EDISON.

No 1

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 24 1878

T. A. Edison

Chicago Ill

Hilborne Roosevelt Cables  
Can I accept Twenty five  
Thousand dollars cash  
Telephone France and Russia  
Puskas refuses he is bound  
to Bailey answer

T. A. Edison  
per 9

25 PM

2

2 pm  
29



A.L.G.

(N.Y. Aug 24-78

If you can without any trouble  
give me a few of Edison's Carbon buttons I  
should be very much obliged - I made  
a microphone by using battery carbon  
& while I find it very sensible to any  
noise yet it will not transmit the voice  
except as a tone no words being distinguishable  
I should like to see what I could do  
with the buttons - Please try & get me  
an early reply to the enclosed letter  
& oblige

Yours

L.A. Ludwig

New York Aug 24-78

J A Edison Esq  
Dr Sir

If you can by any means  
let me have two more sets (4 stations) your telephone  
to be paid for in ninety days you would  
greatly oblige me & very probably benefit  
yourself in the future - We have orders from  
Costa Rica for quite a number of sets and  
I find it impossible to obtain them - The ETS  
cannot fill their own local demand - If  
you cannot give me the box telephones  
such as I last had can you not manage  
somehow to obtain me 10 or 12 of your  
Transmitters (as now in use by the ETS) along  
with induction Coils, I can get along  
with these by using the Phelps Receiver  
which I can get here - If you can  
do anything for me I wish you would  
by the middle of next week - say Aug  
28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>

Very truly yours L A Ludwig

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 26 1878

Ward  
Direct Cable NY  
Please send following when  
convenient. Tour and London  
You may have half of telephone  
interest in England just returned  
home from west. Telegraph. Puskas  
that we send some other styles  
telephone soon write Hilborne  
Roosevelt Paris that Puskas  
has full authority in matter  
Edison

H25H

5:30 P.M.  
9-24

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Aug 28 1878

No 1. New York 25

Griffin Mrs.

Please get answer to my  
letter if favorable would like  
to have them tomorrow

Dr. H.

LaSudwig  
Cong

T. A. EDISON.

2  
Menlo Park, N. J.,

Aug 28 1878

L. A. Ludwig Esq NY

Can't furnish telephones  
will write tomorrow

Griffin

C.D.H.

am and

7 PM  
A 9 14

Express Note

To J. A. Edison Esq.  
Menlo Park.  
New Jersey -

From J. C. Gauraud

6 Lombard Street E.C.  
London 29 Aug 1878

Yours of July 31<sup>st</sup> also the two cases therein  
mentioned to hand. Adams is here putting  
up telephones. I have arranged for the use  
of a wire between London & Paris to try them  
on the cable next Sunday. Let me know  
immediately at what price telephones  
complete can be furnished from New York  
by the quantity  
Telephone Exchanges.

I understand there have been organised in  
several towns in America, if we get one complete  
particulars of their organization and forward  
within least possible delay.

How many of your telephones are actually  
in use in America at the present time?

J. C. G.

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_ 187

Release from Badger to Edison  
giving up all claims agreements etc  
on payment of \$1000.

Contract between Edison & G.T. Stock  
Co. to pay a yearly royalty  
of one dollar to Edison on each  
Carbon Telephone instrument ~~sent~~  
~~to~~ used in Canada during  
life of patent, G.T. Stock Co  
to pay the \$1000 which goes  
to Badger

Montreal  
Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 78

Dear Edison

Yrs. rec<sup>d</sup> Will  
transfer complete, and  
entire for one thou-  
sand (\$1000.)

Please answer as  
soon as convenient  
and oblige

Yrs very  
truly

W. H. Badger

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited

40 Broad Street

New York 30 Aug 1878

J. A. Edison Esq:  
Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

I have much pleasure in handing the  
following telegram, which has been received for you  
"J. A. Edison

Forward English patent  
Telephone, also copy contract with  
Nottidge, at what price per hundred  
can Telephones per set complete, without  
Batteries, be had from New York

Yours and

You never  
called W.

Yours very truly  
Geo. W. Ward.  
Supt

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J. Aug 31 187

Gowland,

Purchase copy there  
will send <sup>complete</sup> ~~complete~~ ~~complete~~ ~~complete~~  
Telephone for one station. - Twenty  
dollars each.

Edison

[FROM JAMES ADAMS]

Address as usual to Davis, given by  
London - Feb 22 1895

J. A. Edison

Dear Sir

Recd some specimens just before  
I left Paris for some untested people  
By Postum & Bailey which is needless to  
say was a. n. got four French papers  
with articles about telephony, which  
calls our title the Gray Edison, I asked  
Bailey to account about it

When the following conversation took  
Place between me and him

He showed the paper and asked him if he  
had anything to do with it

No I had nothing to do with giving it that  
name, nor am I the cause of having  
them published

Do you think it is right or is it  
giving justice to Edison

No it is not right but we cant help  
these things getting in to the Social



papers.

All right you know as well as I  
do if I was to publish the truth  
concerning the tests made with the  
telephones it would hurt you deaden  
them here, but as you and Packard  
is together in this thing and going to  
make a big haul out of it, I have  
refrained from doing it, but as you  
say you had nothing to do with it  
and it is not right that such things  
should appear in the press, you  
will have no objections to me  
contradicting it and putting matters  
straight.

I don't do that it has only ap-  
peared in local papers and it will  
never be known outside of Paris  
and if you go and say anything more  
it will show that there is still  
feeling amongst us and hurt us with  
the people that we are negotiating  
with.

Yes it would hurt you this far  
that they would not have anything  
to do with your telephone at all  
and you would be left out in the  
cold.

Then he went to Packard and told  
him to talk with me about it, for  
Adams was so thin skinned about  
those little matters, that he might  
take it into his head to contradict  
it, and he would do it in such a  
way that our people would think  
that there was something wrong.  
X might hurt us completely, he falls  
in a kind of a way about it  
and I intend to keep him that  
way.

Now look here Edison Bailey  
has spent a good deal of money  
for newspaper profits, I think there  
was one sent to you which was  
all Gray and mighty little Edison.

And in each and every case the Gray  
has never been shown

I deny that the Gray tel.  
was ever shown to any of the  
Party that intends to buy it: nor  
to any newspaper man nor to  
the Public

The Philo telephone was tried too  
at the first tests that was made  
but it was so low that they  
would never show it any more  
on a line

but they show it on a wire 300  
yards long double wire and ours is  
all the time on the long circuit  
but the comparison is so great and  
these conditions that no one wants  
to hear it: it is so dark that I  
cant see to write any more

American that has just come over  
say that the Edison telephone works  
better in America than it does in N.Y.

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited

16 Broad Street

W. M. Smith 4 Sept 1878

J. A. Edison Esq.

Menlo Park N.J.

Dear Sir

I have much pleasure in handing  
you the following telegram

W. Edison

"Telephone works ~~well~~ beautifully - how many  
stations can you ship immediately  
half dozen or so very important all  
relay instruments Adams here Paris  
London trial next Sunday -

Sincerely

Yours very truly  
Geo. Grand  
Supt  
J. D. B.

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited

16 Broad Street

New York - 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 1878

J. A. Edison Esq:

Mentor Park N. Y.

Dear Sir

I beg to hand you the following  
telegram which has been received for you &  
also to inform you that Gouraud is pressing  
for a reply to his last.

" J. Edison "

" Cant get copy of patent under  
three months, cable your patent  
solicitors to give me copy  
immediately "

" Gouraud "

Yours very truly  
Geo. G. Hardy  
Supt

The Direct United States Cable Company Limited

16 Broad Street

New York 10 Sept 1878

J A Edison Esq

Menlo Park

Dear Sir

I have great pleasure in handing  
you the following telegram

To Edison

Dover & Calais tests great success  
& from London to Dover perfect  
Dover to London not so good  
tube instruments not good on  
bad wire - Brussels to Dover  
first class - Dover to Brussels  
nothing

Sincerely

Yours very truly  
Geo G Ward  
Supt  
JAW

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited

16 Broad Street,

New York 13 Sept 1878

J. A. Edison Esq:  
Menlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir

I have great pleasure in handing  
you the following message, which has just  
been received for you. —

Yours truly,  
Geo. G. Howard, Mgr.

To Edison

— Good Company will take license for  
English Railways & manufactures only  
giving ample provision for pushing  
business immediately. You to have twenty  
per cent profits with similar protective  
Clauses to tollage contract. They advancing  
£1000 immediately license is executed, one  
such company may be speedily followed by  
others on possibly even better terms. So long  
delayed an early beginning highly important  
Cable reply

Howard

Copy Telegram -

From J. A. Edison  
To Geo. E. Gouraud  
Date of receipt 17 Sept. 1878 London

Send license papers well sign  
and forward - make it twenty per  
cent royalty instead of profits -  
latter unknown quantity -

Express Note

To J. A. Edison Esq.  
New York  
Telephone. New Jersey -  
From Geo. E. Gouraud  
6 Lombard Street E.C.  
London 21 Sept. 1878

I confirm cable as annexed.  
The papers are now in the hands  
of the lawyers - and will hasten  
their completion and send them  
to you as soon as possible -

THE UNDERSIGNED

- FIRST : - MR. JOSHUA FRANKLIN BAILEY, residing at Maisons Laffitte, party of the first part,
- SECOND : - MR. THEODORE PUSKAS, residing in Paris Auteuil, Villa Montmorency, party of the second part, and
- THIRD : - MR. GEORGES ALEXIS GODILLOT, Merchant, residing in Paris, No. 54, Rue Rochechouart, party of the third part,

have agreed upon the following :

FIRST : - Mr. Bailey is the owner of a French Patent, granted to him on the 20th day of August, of the present year, under No. 124,600, in force from May 2nd. last year, expiring May 2nd 1892. for Improvements in ( speaking ) Telephones and their accessories.

Mr. Bailey is furthermore the attorney with full power to act according to his best knowledge, for a term of one month from today in behalf of Mr. Elisha Gray, in regard to the French Patent, granted to him, on August 6th. of the present year, under No. 124,406., in force from May 10th of last year; expiring May 10th. 1893. for Improvements in Telephones and Accessory Apparatus.

SECOND : - Mr. Puskas is Attorney with full power to act, according to his best knowledge, for a term of one month, from today, for Mr. Thomas Alva Edison, in regard to the French



Patent, granted to him December 19th. 1877, under No. 121,687,  
 in force from \_\_\_\_\_ and , expiring \_\_\_\_\_  
 for Improvements in Instruments to control by sound the trans-  
 mission of electric currents and the reproduction of corres-  
 ponding sounds in the distance. An additional certificate  
 has been taken out on the \_\_\_\_\_

Messrs. Bailey and Puskás have proposed to Mr.  
 Georges Alexis Godillot to convey the use of these patents to  
 a company to be formed between them, in the beginning for three  
 years on trial, in the form of a simple partnership and, after-  
 ward or in the course of this trial period, for the whole life  
 of the three patents and the three additional certificates  
 for improvements, made or to be made, --- to form a stock com-  
 pany to which the entire ownership of said patents and acces-  
 sories would have to be conveyed.

Mr. Georges Alexis Godillot has accepted this proposition,  
 but, on condition first, as it is indispensable in order to  
 form a regular and legal company which has to be registered;  
 deposited and published in the month of its date, or else to  
 be void. Messrs. Bailey and Puskás have to furnish proofs  
 of their qualities or powers, entitling them to act in the  
 names of Messrs. Gray and Edison, and furthermore Mr. Georges  
 Alexis Godillot desires that during the time asked for these  
 proofs of being empowered; these patents have to be submitted  
 to the verification of a special engineer who has to decide  
 whether all formalities in regard to these patents have been  
 complied with; whether these patents have not been anticip-

ated by others, with one word, whether their use in France will suffer contestation or not.

The parties have today agreed to the following articles as a promissory title for the company to be formed, to be regulated immediately after Messrs. Bailey and Puskás have justified their qualities and powers, and after the report of the special engineer, demanded by Mr. Godillot, in the agreement with Messrs. Bailey & Puskás, has been received.

#### A R T I C L E "I".

Messrs. Bailey & Puskás, on their part, and Mr. Georges Alexis Godillot on the other part, agree that Mr. Armengaud Jeune, Engineer, residing at Paris, No. 19. Boulevard de Strasbourg, shall be asked by them for his advice on the patents in question.

In regard to the accomplished formalities, their value in relation to other similar patents, which may have been taken out, and the possibility of using these patents Gray, Bailey and Edison in France, with legal right to use them.

If these justifications of qualities and the favorable report of Mr. Armengaud are received, within a month from this date, the formation of the Company shall be made without delay in the legal form, and, under the clauses, stipulations and conditions set forth.

## ARTICLE " 2 "

Between Messrs. Bailey & Puskás, on one part and Mrs. Georges Alexis Godillot, and all the persons whom this latter will introduce as co-partners and one of these persons as responsible partner, on the other hand, a company on a collective name will be formed; respecting Messrs. Bailey & Puskás and a third person, to be named by Mr. Georges Alexis Godillot, and in common partnership with respect to the latter and all other persons whom he shall want to introduce in the formation of this company in common partnership and all this for the use in France and the French Colonies of the above mentioned patents of the said Gray, Bailey and Edison, together with all the supplementary patents and additional certificates taken and to be taken.

## ARTICLE " 3 "

The duration of the Company shall be for three successive years, to begin from the date of the social act.

## ARTICLE " 4 "

The seat of the Company shall be in Paris.

## ARTICLE " 5 "

The firm and the social signatures shall be composed of the names of Bailey, and Puskás, to which either foregoing or

following shall be joined the name of the third person who has been called as responsible co-partner, by Mr. Alexis Godillot; this latter only being entitled to decide definitely the social firm with respect to the order of succession of the names of the responsible partners.

#### ARTICLE " 6 "

The responsible partners are only allowed to use the social signature when needed for social affairs, as filed in the registers; otherwise to be void.

Each acceptance or subscription in commercial matters shall be signed by either one of Messrs. Bailey and Puskás, and by the third party, in collective name, in order to be valid; so it shall be done with each enterprise or bargain, surpassing ten thousand francs.

#### ARTICLE " 7 "

Messrs. Bailey and Puskás will convey to the company for the time of its duration, the use of the said patents; and of all improvements made or to be made for this purpose, amounting to hundred thousand francs, which they would immediately dedicate for the company.

The third collective partner would convey the sum of  
 Francs: 10,000.00  
 Mr. Alexis Godillot and the parties  
 whom he will introduce at the time  
 of regulating the social act, will  
 convey together, the sum of Francs: 190,000.00

T o t a l

Francs 200,000.00

The conveyances in cash shall bring 5 per cent interest, payable every three months.

#### ARTICLE " 8 "

Every six months, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the  
an inventory has to be made.

#### ARTICLE " 9 "

Messrs. Bailey and Puskás for their part and the third collective partner, would previously raise a total sum of 2,000 Francs, which would be charged for general expenses. Of these 2,000 Francs Messrs. Bailey and Puskás would get one half ; to be divided among themselves, and the third collective partner would get the remaining 1,000 Francs.

#### ARTICLE " 10 "

The collective partners have to give all their time and all their care to the Company. However Mr. Bailey and Mr. Puskás are allowed to absent themselves alternately, provided that one of them is always present in the Company.

#### ARTICLE " 10 " (Second)

The Expenses of the Company are to be principally ; rent for the places to be used, but the collective partners have to reside outside of the social seat; travelling expenses in

company affairs, salaries of clerks, laborers and employees  
Duties of all kind, and Insurance.

The annuities of the patents shall remain to be charged  
to the proprietors of the patents, above mentioned.

#### ARTICLE " 11 "

The profits and the losses shall be divided between Mess.  
Bailey and Puskás, and the other partners; the latter in  
proportion and pro rata of their respective payments.

The profits have to be delivered all six months at the  
same time with the interests of the conveyances in cash, as  
stipulated in Article " 7 ".

#### ARTICLE " 12 "

The dissolution of the Company can be demanded by one  
or the other of the partners in the case that, according to  
an inventory, the company would have lost 90,000 Francs, or  
one half of the social capital.

#### ARTICLE " 13 "

In case of the death of one or two of the collective  
partners, the company would continue with his widow, heirs  
and representatives and the other members of the Company.

The widow, heirs and representatives of one or the other  
defunct partners become simply partners and are only entitled  
to their part of the profit, to which the defunct was entitled.

without being entitled however to raise the conveyances, made by the former. But, if the third partner should die, the company would be entitled to fill his place by another person who would have to furnish the social stake of the defunct.

In this case the widow, heirs, and representatives of the defunct would only be entitled to the re-payment of the social stake of their author, and to an indemnity equal to that stake which would have to be repaid to them by the new partner.

The death of one of the associated partners would in no respect modify the company, which would be continued with the widow, heirs and representatives, who, - if they were several people - shall be represented by only one of them for all verification of documents, relative to interests and benefits; in no case for judicial or sealed inventories, but only for commercial inventories.

#### ARTICLE " 14 "

At the expiration of the term fixed for the duration and under the provisions hereafter stipulated for the continuation and transformation of this company:

The liquidation of it would have to be made by the collective partners.

Messrs. Bailey and Puskás would take back their original conveyance and the other partners would before all take back

their respective conveyances of the funds first realized by the liquidations.

The same proceeding would take place in case of an anticipated dissolution.

As the collective company and the simple partnership cannot be formed otherwise than under the name of a trial company and providing for a transformation if the exploitation of it shows a possibility for it; it is at the same time especially agreed that none of the partners, even in the course of three years, (none of the partners of the present company) can demand the transformation of that company into a stock company with a capital of 3,500,000 francs, for the time still remaining until the patents expire.

If it were Messrs. Bailey and Puskás who demand this transformation and one or the other of the other parties did not adhere to it, Messrs. Bailey & Puskás can, one month after a notification to every one of the members of the company, - this notification to be made by simple registered letter, addressed to each member, can, we say : bounce those parties who refuse to adhere, and reimburse to them the amount of their conveyance, interests and benefits included, up to the day of reimbursement, and the new union or stock company would then be formed between Bailey & Puskás and the other parties adhering, and of all the other persons who would adhere to the "By-Laws" on the basis hereafter specified.



## ARTICLE " 16 "

Mr. Georges Alexis Godillot reserves for himself the right to become manager, if he chooses to, or to designate one or more managers, for the new company.

## ARTICLE " 17 "

Messrs. Bailey and Puskás would convey into the new company the ownership of the patents " Gray : Bailey : and Edison " which they charge themselves to get transferred to that company in fulfilling the formalities required in this case; the expenses for this change have to be entered on general expenses.

The conveyance of patents in the ownership of the new 900,000 company would be made by means of a sum of 900,000 francs, of which 300,000 francs cash would be furnished by Mr. Alexis Godillot himself or by other partners of the former company ; which 300,000 francs with the 100,000 francs already received when the former company has been regulated, would form a total of 400,000 francs cash and, in order to complete the 900,000 francs, Messrs. Bailey and Puskás would receive 500,000 francs in stock.

Messrs. Bailey and Puskás would therefore have the 7th part, in the company, and the benefits accruing from same.

Mr. Georges Alexis Godillot and the other members of the first company would take back their stakes in the first company

and Mr. Georges Alexis Godillot and the other members whom he would introduce, into the new company, or those of the first company, who would remain with him in the new company, would have the right to the title of "founders" and in proportion of the 400,000 francs, paid for the ownership of the patents to one million francs in shares.

The 2,000,000 shares remaining would be issued according to Law.

All the shares would be of 500 francs each.

The new stock company, ( with regard to the stakes does not consist in the value paid for the patents; and for the particular advantages stipulated for the patentees as well as for the founders ) will be subject to the two deliberations of the general meetings, provided for by the Law of July 24th which will then be observed in all its contents for the validity of the social treaty.

#### ARTICLE " 18 "

All rights of double registry, rights and amends, of the present conditional act shall be supported by that of the parties who will occasion it independently of all damaged interests for non-execution of the present case.

ARTICLE "19"

The parties select the City of Paris for domicil; Mr. Bailey especially, elects for his domicil No. 21. Rue Caumartin care of Mr. Ad. Moreau.

Executed in Triplicate, at Paris, this 21st day of September, in the year of eighteen hundred and seventy eight A.D.

Theo. Puskás.

Theo. Puskás,

1. Rue de la Bourse.

Paris, September 21st. 1878

To

Thomas A. Edison,

Menlo Park,

New Jersey.

I the undersigned Theodore Puskás hereby agree to pay to you one half of all the profits I shall derive from the association I have just made with Mr. Georges Alexis Godillot and Mr. Joshua Franklin Bailey, the conditions of which are expressed in the accompanying copy of deed, signed by me ne varietur.

I remain dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

Witness :

Theo. Puskás.

Robt. M. Harper.

David T. S. Fuller.

U. S. Consulate General ;

Paris, France.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, Lucius Fairchild, Consul General of the United States of America, at Paris, in the Republic of France, Theo. Fuskás, personally known to me to be the person named in and executed the written instrument and he acknowledged to me, that he executed the same, truly and voluntarily, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal, this Twenty Third Day of September, A. D. 1878

LUCIUS FAIRCHILD

U. S. Consul General.

Paris.

L. S.

THEO. PUSKAS

1. Rue de la Bourse?

— 75 —

Paris, le 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1876

My dear Edison,

The day before yesterday I sent you 2 letters. —

Enclosed I send you a copy of the Power of Attorney, which I forwarded the other day, — please sign in duplicate before French Consul and notary and forward same without losing time by first two mails. —

Enclosed I send you also one of the originals provisional Contracts. —  
Please send this one back. —

As you see by the Contract the time for forming the Company on a large scale is limited to 3 years, — you may be sure that our partner A. Goddard will do his best to bring the formation about as soon as possible, — after paying for the 3 years license 20,000 dollars and investing 20,000 more in the business. —

THEO. PUSKAS

Paris, le ..... 18 .....

1. Rue de la Bourse? 2.)

Besides that - Godillot will make  
a very nice profit on <sup>the</sup> forming of the  
Co. - as you also see by the Con-  
tract.

Godillot is the great Army Contractor  
for in France. - He went into the  
Affair not merely on a spec - but he  
believes in the future of the Telephone  
and is enthusiastic about it. -

I know that Bailey could never  
have made here anything neither  
with Gray's Telephone nor with Chelip's.

But I combined with him because  
I thought that a fusion of telephones -  
with and without battery (he covers the  
whole field) - would bring us a better  
price. -

Roswell would not make the  
fusion. In haste

More tomorrow

Yours truly  
Theo. Puskas

THEO. PUSKAS

1, Rue de la Bourse

Paris, le

18

Je soussigné Thomas A. Edison  
demeurant à Menlo Park, New Jersey, Etats  
Unis, - donne pouvoir à Mr. Théodore  
Puskas, demeurant à Paris, Avenue,  
Villa Montmorency -

de pour moi et en mon nom  
apporter dans cette Société Française  
qu'il jugera bon et cela même en  
son propre et privé nom, comme  
s'il était personnellement propriétaire  
du droit à la jouissance et à l'exploit-  
ation, le Brevet Français par moi ob-  
tenu "pour perfectionnements dans les  
instruments pour contrôler par le son  
la transmission des courants électriques  
et la reproduction des sons correspon-  
dants au lointain", et qui m'a été dé-  
livré par le Ministre de l'Agriculture  
et du Commerce le 19 Septembre 1877  
sous le numéro 121687, - mais seulement  
en ce que ce brevet concerne l'invention



nouvelle du Téléphone et à l'exclusion  
de ce qui a rapport au Phonographe, —  
ensemble sous certificat d'additions et  
de perfectionnements pris ou à prendre,  
le dit apport fait toutefois pour un  
laps de temps ne dépassant pas cinq  
années.

Elle jouit tous avantages et toutes  
conditions de Société à raison de l'ap-  
port de cette jouissance de Brevet, en  
recevant le produit et généralement  
faire et procéder comme d'une chose  
lui appartenant, sauf compte entre nous.

De plus je lui donne pouvoir de  
rendre la propriété réelle de ce Brevet  
aux prix et conditions qu'il jugera con-  
venable, soit au cours de l'apport de  
la jouissance qu'il en aura fait tempo-  
rairement dans une Société, soit plus  
tard, et dans ce dernier cas, après  
liquidation préalable du paiement  
de toutes les annuités, faire dresser  
par acte notarié la mutation de  
propriété de ce brevet d'invention, mais  
seulement en ce que ce brevet concerne  
l'invention nouvelle du Téléphone et à l'exclu-  
sion de ce qui a rapport au Phonographe.

KT-To prevent loss, please make remittances by Draft, Post-Office Order or Registered Letter. 27

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Manufacturers, Importers and Dealers in

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Car Upholstery and Trimmings of every description,

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L. S. CRENSHAW,

No. 8 Dey Street,

P. O. Box 1714.

New York, Oct 2 1878

J. A. Edison Esq

Menlo Park

Dear Sir

L. G. T. Co have  
some prospect of selling  
a quantity of Telephone  
in Spain. Can they  
buy the Carbon Telephone  
Complete from you  
for sale in that Country  
and if so for what  
price? I suppose they  
will want several hundred  
if any. An early reply  
will oblige yours truly  
M. W. Goodyear

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited

16 Broad Street

New York 2 Oct 1878

J. A. Edison Esq  
Menlo Park, N.J.

Dear Sir I have much pleasure in handing  
you the following telegram which has just been  
received here

Yours truly  
Geo. G. Ward Supt  
G.G.W.

To Edison

"Shew makes Continent to Fuskas & myself  
jointly - Expedite shipment new receiver  
forward promptly all improvements

Gouraud

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited

16 Broad Street

New York 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1878

J. A. Edison Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Menlo Park

Dear Sir The following message has been  
recd here for you *from* Geo. G. Ward

Supt  
J. A. B.

Edison

Said immediately twenty transmitters  
only with binding ~~key~~ posts also new  
receivers without magnet if ready. Takes too  
long to make anything here - Barrett's  
~~make~~ introductory lecture great success

Jourard

T. A. EDISON.

No. 6. ~~7~~

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Oct 5 1878

Cable

2

Edison

Menlo Park

New Jersey

Power must be there by  
twenty first.

Puskas

11 paris.

gll

T. A. EDISON.

1

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Oct 6 1878

Cable

Puskas

Paris

Papers go wednesday

5 paid.

12.45-  
4-10

No. 4  
[Service Message Form.]

20,000. 21-5-1

The Direct United States Cable Company, Limited.

NEW YORK STATION, *7 Oct 1878*

Recd. from	Post or handed to
Time	Time
Clerk	Clerk

From.....No. of Message.....No. of Words.....

To *Edison*

*Are any more telephones in the way. Shall we go ahead & make a lot like those already received or wait new model without signal receiver - Harry forward a lot after model you most approve*

*James*

**Emuel W. Serrell's**

OFFICE FOR PROTECTING

American and Foreign Patents,

78 CHAMBERS STREET,

(P. O. Box 4689.)

*New York, Oct 6 1878*

Pushes

Paris

Powers sent to

Brandon and Morgan: One rue Laffitte

~~Brandon and Morgan: One rue Laffitte~~

~~to make machine~~

*18*

*10*

*\$682*

Brandon

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 12 1878

New York 12<sup>th</sup> ~~1878~~  
Edison menlo park New Jersey  
Bell company received an  
injunction on me and  
Manufacturers. must meet  
promptly forward all  
usefull documents  
Adams

20-15

*Copied*  
 Edison's Carbon-Telephone.

THOMAS A. EDISON,  
 INVENTOR & PATENTEE  
 OF THE  
 PHONOGRAPH,  
 CARBON TELEPHONE,  
 MEGALOPHON,  
 MICROPHONETER,  
 ELECTROPHONOGRAPH,  
 STENOGRAPH,  
 PNEUMATIC TELEGRAPH,  
 MIMICRY OF  
 SPEECHES OF  
 ELECTRIC VOICE.  
 &c. &c. &c.

6 Lombard Street, E.C.  
 London, Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1878.

J. H. Mc Clellan Esq -

Dear Sir

I am to-day  
 informed by Messrs Blakey  
 Messrs & Emmett of Halifax  
 that you have threatened  
 them with legal proceedings  
 should they manufacture  
 Edison's Telephones. I shall  
 be glad to know upon  
 what pretence you have  
 done so and must hold  
 you and your Company

responsible for the  
 consequences of a proceeding  
 the unwarrantableness of  
 which we shall have  
 no difficulty in proving.  
 & which you may depend  
 upon our doing to the  
 utmost extent =

It is not a little  
 symptomatic that the  
 many parties interested  
 in the the Bell patents  
 elsewhere should have  
 been so anxious to acquire  
 for themselves Edison's Telephones

Yours Truly

J. Adams.  
 Assistant to T. A. Edison  
 for owners.



Blank No. 1.

## THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This Company TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS messages and telegrams, including intelligence, which have been accepted only on account of the following reasons:  
First, on the ground of the public interest in the communication of intelligence, and the Company has the honor to be the only one of the kind in the world.  
Second, on the ground of the public interest in the communication of intelligence, and the Company has the honor to be the only one of the kind in the world.  
Third, on the ground of the public interest in the communication of intelligence, and the Company has the honor to be the only one of the kind in the world.

A. R. BREWER, Secy.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

Dated Sept 10th 1878 1878.

Received at St. Louis

To Adams Howard

London,

Tell Adams let them

~~know~~ ~~know~~ ~~know~~

Oppose injunction ~~make~~

~~make~~ ground patent void.

account previous publicity.

if they beat us dont matter

in least ~~our~~ ~~our~~ ~~our~~

be sent you soon. ~~new receivers~~ ~~without~~

~~new receivers~~ ~~without~~

they are infinitely superior

to anything yet discovered

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

U

Montreal

Oct 15th 78

Dear Edison

Yours of 9th inst. recd. Call right send the documents along.

What is the affair with which you have so excited the New World? Please enlighten me.

Can I operate for you here?

Yours to J. P. Sawyer

708  
This Agreement made this <sup>21st</sup> ~~fourth~~ <sup>Jan</sup> day of ~~October~~ <sup>January</sup> eighteen hundred and seventy ~~eight~~ <sup>eight</sup> by and between Thomas A. Edison of Menlo Park, Middlesex County New Jersey, party of the first part, and The American Speaking Telephone Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York located and doing business in the City of New York party of the second part, witnesseth:

Whereas said party of the first part has invented certain improvements in Speaking Telephones for which Letters Patent of the Dominion of Canada numbered 8,026, were on the seventeenth day of October eighteen hundred and seventy seven duly granted to him, and whereas said party of the first part has also invented certain other improvements in Speaking Telephones for which he has applied or is about to apply for Letters Patent of the Dominion of Canada, and

Whereas the said party of the second part is desirous of acquiring all the right title and interest of said party of the first part within the Dominion of Canada in and to said inventions and improvements in Speaking Telephones and in all Letters Patent which are or may hereafter be granted for the same.

Now for the consideration hereafter mentioned the party of the first part hereby agrees to execute and deliver to the party of the second part good and sufficient assignments vesting in said party of the second part the whole right title and interest of every character, in, to, under and connected with said Letters Patent granted and to be granted.

In consideration whereof the party of the second part covenants and agrees as follows:

First. To pay all fees, charges, and expenses of every character whatsoever which shall be necessary to procure and maintain any Letters Patent of the Dominion of Canada, granted or hereafter to be granted, for the inventions of the party of the first part relating to Speaking Telephones.

Second. To cause the manufacture of the said patented inventions of the

party of the first part to be commenced and to be continuously carried on within the Dominion of Canada at such time and in such manner as to comply with the requisitions of Section XXVIII of the Patent Act of 1872.

Third. To make full and true returns (during the life time of said letters patent) to the party of the first part, or his duly authorized representative on the first day of \_\_\_\_\_ in each year of all sets of speaking telephonic apparatus constructed under said letters patent, which have been put in operation by them during the twelve calendar months then last past, it being understood that each set so called shall consist of one (1) transmitter, and one (1) receiver, and one (1) call or alarm. And if said party of the first part shall not be satisfied with any such return, then he shall have the right, either by himself or his attorney, to examine any and all of the books of account of said party of the second part, containing any items, charges, memoranda or information relating to the manufacture, sale or lease of said patented invention in the Dominion of Canada, and upon request made, said party of the second part shall produce all such books for said examination.

Fourth. So long as the party of the first part a royalty of one dollar in gold per annum for each and every set of telephonic apparatus leased, operated or used under said letters patent within the Dominion of Canada during the life time of said letters patent, the whole of said royalty for each year being due and payable within thirty days after the regular return day as heretofore provided. And in case said party of the second part shall sell any set or sets of such telephonic apparatus, <sup>to the general public</sup> it shall have the right to commute the royalty of one dollar per year upon such set as heretofore provided, by paying to the party of the first part in lieu thereof the sum of five dollars for each apparatus so sold, and after such payment has been made, all liability either of the party of the second part

or of the purchaser of such apparatus, for the payment of any further royalty to the party of the first part shall wholly cease.

Fifth. To stamp or engrave the year of the date of the patent upon each patented telephone put in use by them in the Dominion of Canada under the said Letters Patent in such manner as to fully comply with the provisions of section XLIX of the Patent act of 1872.

Sixth. To execute and deliver to the party of the first part a good and sufficient license vesting in him and his assigns the sole and exclusive right to make, sell, and use, and vend to others to be used for any uses and purposes not directly connected with or applicable to telegraphic transmission any and all of the said patented improvements and more particularly that part of the same relating to the phonograph or apparatus for receiving articulate sounds, to the full end of the term for which the hereinbefore mentioned letters patent are or may be granted.

In witness whereof the parties above named (the said American Speaking-Telephone Company by its President) have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Thomas A Edison.

The American Speaking Telephone Company by

George Wadsworth  
The Cable and Stock Telegraph Company

Per

George Wadsworth  
New York

All words "to the general public"  
in the second line of article first  
inserted before signing

For  
attest  
J. H. Miller Sec

Editorial: Can I sell  
Telephones? To go to Canada  
+ Who controls the Patent  
there? Anybody?  
Oct 16/27  
and. 111 Mm

Gold & Stock Telegraph Company.

R.O. Snow, 5645.

Western Union Building.

George Walker,  
Vice-President.

New York, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Thos. A. Edison Esq.  
Menlo Park,  
New Jersey.

Dear Sir,

Mr Cary and Mr Pope are now at  
work upon a draft of the Canadian  
Contract, and Mr Cary would be pleased  
to have you call, at his office, and  
see it before it is finally reduced  
to writing.

Yours very truly,  
George Walker  
Vice-President

copy

The Telephone Company, Limited  
(Sole Proprietors of Bell's Telephones)  
36 Coleman Street  
London 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 1878.

Thomas A. Edison Esq  
6 Lombard St  
London E.C.

Dear Sir,

Before replying to your letter of the 12 inst - addressed to our manager Mr. M. Clarke. I have taken the opportunity of laying it before my Board of Directors.

You are doubtless aware that this Company has paid a large sum of money for the patent rights generally known as Bell's Telephone patent, and the Directors of the Company are bound to protect those patent rights against all infringements.

Believing, as the Directors do that the Telephones which you use are an infringement on those patent rights, & feeling sure that you would not knowingly infringe them.

I am instructed to call your attention to Patent No 4,765 dated the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 1876 and to request you to point out the grounds upon which you consider that the Telephones in use are not covered by such patent.

I need scarcely say that if your Telephone proves to be no infringement I shall be glad to enter into an arrangement to protect our mutual interest.

I am Dear Sir  
Yours truly W. H. Morris Esq.  
Telephone Co. Limited

To. J. A. Edison Esq  
Menlo Park  
New Jersey

NOTE

FROM

GEO. E. GOURAUD.  
6 LOMBARD STREET. E.C.  
LONDON. 18. Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1878.

Puskas and Bailey

It seems Bailey has succeeded in amalgamating with Puskas. In fact it seems very much as if he had amalgamated Puskas into himself and whatever business has been done so far as I can learn has been done by Bailey whose persistence we have ourselves experienced. Now I am told that you expressly objected to any such amalgamation and in previous letter from yourself to me confirm this impression, where you state that "Bailey has nothing that Bell has not" or words to that effect. Bailey says that you entirely approve what Puskas has done with him Adams says it is all rot and nonsense that Bailey has not anything and that we do not need to have anything to do with him. Adams is also of opinion that it has not been due to any telephone that Bailey controls which has enabled him to get hold of Puskas but simply his superior cleverness to Puskas himself. Bailey is now over here trying the same thing on me and I have given him distinctly to understand the following:-

(1)



that if he has a telephone (he talks now of Philips, rather than Gray) which is independent of Bells, and independent of batteries, and as good for short lines as Edison's, and can show me that he can "get as much money for his alone as I can get or want for Edison's;" that if he can persuade me, as he professes to believe himself that by combining we can both get twice as much as otherwise, then of course I will see the desirability of combining with him, but I was obliged to tell him that the only experience I have had with his telephone was when he had told me it was "working perfectly" in London and where it happened that it was in an office of a personal friend of mine where I saw it myself and found that it did not work at all and my friend in whose office it was, said that it had not worked at all except once or twice a feeble sound came through though no practical conversation. Hence it would be useless for Mr. Bailey to waste any more of his time or mine until he first can show me practically his telephone in operation and enable me to judge the whole question upon that basis. This he has proposed to do.

I had no hesitation in telling him that from my experience with Mr. Puskas and the very little I had seen of himself (Mr. Bailey) that it would not at all surprise me if he had found it possible to amalgamate Mr. Puskas into himself without having any telephone whatever and that while he might consider that a very great compliment to himself, I must beg him to accord me at least the compliment of not supposing that he could amalgamate himself into me unless he had a telephone and one whose merits were quite beyond question, as I flattered myself that I could manage this business without either him or his telephone but that he would not find me unreasonable or difficult provided he had something tangible and desirable to deal with.

Now it must be obvious to you as well as to myself that if what he states be true, it may be expedient to combine with him, and as I cannot judge of this matter as well myself as you can - I mean as to the practical value of what it is he contends in what he calls the "Phelps Telephone" I must ask you to give the matter your immediate attention and advise me fully by letter, and a single word by cable.

will be sufficient to know the essence  
of your decision. By the word "alone"  
I will understand that I have "~~at one~~ <sup>at one</sup> hand"  
and need not bother myself with him.  
The word "together" will intimate that  
he has something and that I shall await  
your letter.

Preese came the other day to see the  
Telephone but too late in the day there  
was nobody in the office at the other end  
of the wire. He will call again a week  
hence when he returns to town. He professes  
to be very glad to hear that it is so great  
a success. Seems still very grieved over  
the affair with you. I will have a talk  
with him when he comes again and  
see if I can get him to take back anything

All the parcels for various newspapers  
daily received and forwarded.

*W. Emerson*

Gold & Stock Telegraph Company,  
Western Union Building,  
New York, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1877

P.O. No. 5647.

George Walker,  
Vice President.

Thos. A. Edison Esq.,  
Menlo Park,  
New Jersey

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 16th has been received,  
as advised in my note to you of that  
date, the Badger is ready and will  
be forwarded as soon as you have  
seen it.

Yours very truly,  
George Walker  
Vice Pres.

London Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1798

J. H. Edison

I rec<sup>d</sup> your two letters  
to day will send by  
next mail the desired  
information. I go to Paris  
on the 22<sup>d</sup>. But will  
not be able to stay  
very long. as I have got  
my hands full here.  
But shall divide my  
time up between the two  
places as best I can  
Pook was here this

Hope could not send as better the other present time  
possible

any person  
London  
perfectly  
last part

This day, and wants to know how soon I can go to Italy. But it will be impossible for me to go for a month yet.

Bell people is rather softening than otherways. I don't think they will trouble us, just yet.

Blakely & Co. is going ahead making our telephones independent of them I think they would rather come to some kind of terms with us than go to law. However it remains to be

seen what they will do.

The fine apartment will be the first to have our telephones in. Their wires is mostly underground & very hard wires to work.

I could put in any number of them if I only had them. I have got a private place in Couraud's office for experimenting. It looks quite a small laboratory I got in to day 112 fullen Batterys. I have had him experimenting on his Batterys for some time back. & he says that they will last

eight months, or he ~~will~~  
charge nothing for them,  
and very cheap and make  
very nice looking boxes  
two cells in a row. I like  
the Western Union form  
better than any I ever saw  
and they take every one here.  
That is the style I will  
make in the future, only  
I put two columns in place of  
one. you speak about  
deprecating. Puck's actions  
I tell you everything I hear  
how and wherefrom and  
you can be your own  
judge respecting to them  
from you soon  
I am yours truly John

Saw the Editor of  
the Journal of the Telegraph  
and he feels sure that  
the reason that you  
did not send him some  
cuts was because you  
think that Preece is in  
some way connected with  
the paper. he says he once  
was but not now. he  
wanted me to ask you  
if you would <sup>be</sup> kind enough  
to send him a cut of  
yourself. I believe he  
~~has~~ has written to you

himself. The few tube  
telephones that I have  
made I will use them  
someway out in the country  
they are good enough  
for short & quite wires  
I wish you would  
send me a good stock  
of Lamp Glass as early  
as you can, and I  
wish you would send me  
a Bradley Reostat. I am  
in want of that very bad  
as I am going about from  
place to place I would  
like to have my own  
measuring apparatus  
don't forget to send that



THEO. PUSKAS  
1, Rue de la Bourne

Paris, le October 30<sup>e</sup> 1877.

My dear Edison.

In regard to the proposition of Messrs. Telletson and Co which you communicated me by your letter of 4<sup>th</sup> inst. I think it quite practicable and any arrangement which you might make in regard to the royalty to be paid on each instrument as well as to the control would be satisfactory to me, with the express understanding, however, that their right to export telephones to Spain expires on the day that I dispose of the patent for the said country, which I hope to do soon as the beginning is made with France and as I have only lately been able to show the telephone practically.

You would oblige me by forwarding copy of any agreement you might make with the said gentlemen, as it will be necessary for me to have it when negotiating the patent.

Very truly yours

Theo. Puskas  
ma.

NY Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 78

to  
Jacob F. Lichtenstein  
and Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 78

TAMM & LICHTENSTEIN,  
New York.  
P. O. Box 50.

New York, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1878

Thomas A. Edison Esq  
Menlo Park  
N. J.

Dear Sir,

We are  
instructed by Mr. H. L. Vischoffs,  
him, London to make you a pay-  
ment of about \$400.- for account  
of Messrs Andri's Ingot, for telephones  
and other instruments.

Will you be kind enough to  
give us the exact amount due you  
from the above firm? We will then  
send you check by return of mail.

We are, Dear Sir

Yours very respectfully  
Jacob F. Lichtenstein

To. Mr. A. Edison  
Munro Park  
New Jersey

NOTE

FROM

GEO E GOURAUD  
6 LOMBARD STREET, E.C.  
LONDON. 26<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1878.

I beg you will send me duplicates  
of all printed matter the same as you  
send. Pustkas. Altho he always sends  
what you request him but is in such  
a hurry to get them back & it is very  
necessary to keep all the information  
we can in the office.

G. E. G.

Confidential

To J. A. Edison Esq.  
Mendota Park  
New Jersey

NOTE

FROM

GEO E GOURAUD  
6 LOMBARD STREET, E.C.  
LONDON. 26 Oct 1878

Puskas

I had an interview with Mr. Brower  
of Messrs Brower & Jensen this morning.  
Seeing that he was somewhat nettled as  
regards something connected with Puskas, I  
asked him very frankly what was his reason  
for his apparent poor opinion of Mr. Puskas.  
After some hesitation he gave several reasons  
but as only one concerns you and your honor  
I trouble you with it alone viz:—that Puskas  
had borrowed of him sums of money for the  
payment of Batteries &c in connection with  
his first Langham Hotel experiment with the  
Telephones up to the amount of about £20  
which Brower states he has repeatedly called  
for but without success; that he tried to over-  
take him in Paris but wholly failed after many  
efforts. At last meeting him in an Exchange  
office where he was changing some money,  
and seeing he had some £20 in his hand  
he said to him "Oh! that is just the sum I

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Confidential

"want and I want it very much" thinking that he might thus get square but he states that Pinkas put him off with a "will attend to it tomorrow." Since then he has not been able to hear further from him.

I regard this in much the same light as I did the Vallance affair and for the same reasons viz:- That he can do nothing of a discreditable nature without reflecting discreditably upon you because of the fact of his publishing himself so conspicuously as your agent. I therefore immediately told Mr. Brewer that I would be responsible for the amount on your behalf.

Now, my dear fellow I would not tell you these things but I feel that you should know them in your own interests. I am sure you will not misunderstand my motive. There must be some fire where there is such a continual smoke. With two such instances of a positive character coming from such responsible sources and direct from the principals to myself there is at least great reason why you should be most cautious in extending your relations with him.

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Paris  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1878  
Adams  
Recd Nov 13-78

Villa Montmorency  
Paris Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1878

W. A. Edison

Dear Sir  
you don't write very often to  
let a fellow know what you are  
doing I have been over here now  
one week but return to London tomorrow  
night as they won't be ready  
to do anything here for 6 days yet  
so I will gain time by going to  
England for the next few days.  
Glad I came to Paris. There has been  
no telephon tests made here for the  
last two months except a few days  
before I came over and every thing  
was bustled at any rate they only  
could just hear it by talking very  
loud so they thought telephones were  
given out. I tried them to day  
and found it so. tested telephones  
and found them as right as a book

took train and went to end of underground wire looked on to the Paris end. Puckas talking was so loud that we could hear him 10 ft away from receiver in open air next time the Versailles end and could hardly hear it; the wire that runs from there on poles is very heavy and poles far apart so the wire hung very low it is a covered wire, so they hung it up like this with iron hooks.

Between every pole, so it cut through the insulation and crossed with the other wires all the way along the line so I have got another wire for tomorrow to show the parties that that came to see it the other day when everything was a complete failure. But most of them had heard it before, and knew there must be something wrong although no one could tell what. I will see those experiments O.K. tomorrow & leave tomorrow night for London, will be back to Paris again next week. Got a telegram from Gramard to day

to come over right off. I am going to make some long line tests in England for Prof. Barritt and others will let you know the results by cable, as soon as I have made them

I must say that the press and day work first class made up all the lamp black that I have got. Carbons less resistance than yours.

I find it is not needful to use silk disks it takes a little longer time to adjust them but when you get them you have them a little bit of anything soft stuck on the end of the titanium just as well. But that is not needful. I have been to see Count de Moras since I came over, he still inclines towards Hughes, I have seen nothing of him in London and don't want to.

Yours respectfully  
Jin

J. A. Edison 6 Lombard St

T. A. EDISON.

4 P.M.

Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 30 1878

Gouraud

London

Alone; emphatically  
Edison

5 Menlo Park  
Oct 30, 78

3:50 P.M. 1st  
4.

T. A. EDISON.

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4 AM

Menlo Park, N. J., Oct 31 1878

New York 30

Edison

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I trust that speaks infinitely  
your confidence and justifies  
my delay we will be  
all ready for you and alone  
Emphatically

Gouraud

20 paid

ma 4



[illegible]

CEO, E. COURAUD.

6. Lombard Street, E.C.

London. *H. J. W.* 18<sup>th</sup> 8

My dear Eric -

*Boer Co. Imperator*

Your answer is grand  
 But the New Union is  
 a crumbler. I have  
 amply informed Mason  
 that I have a letter  
 from you very pertinent  
 to the question at hand  
 as it contains some-  
 thing of great signif-  
 icance to members

I will if be pleased  
to read them an  
Extract if they will  
take the trouble to  
call here in the  
p.m. of either their  
Chairman, their  
Manager or their  
Solicitor -  
When Sir James has  
talked them you may  
represent upon it they  
will give us the  
trouble -

Wm. L. Combs

Personal

To. Tho<sup>s</sup> A. Edison Esq.

Monte Park

New Jersey

NOTE

FROM

GEO E. COLEHAUD.

6 LOMBARD STREET E.C.

LONDON. *Dec 1878*

My dear Edison,  
Combining with Bailey

The addition of the word "emphatically" in your cable yesterday ("alone emphatically") quite threw me off the track, coming so soon after my long and expensive cable correspondence about the Teaklight. I thought you ~~meant that~~ <sup>meant that</sup> ~~alone~~ <sup>alone</sup> "alone emphatically" in the negotiations. Then I thought alone emphatically as regards combining with other Lights and now, no sooner have my letter and cable to you left the office than it flashed upon me that the "alone emphatically" referred to the cipher word "alone". I gave you in my letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. My reply however was equally appropriate to both cases.

In the light of your recent advice to me I do not see how it is possible that you can have approved Purkiss's Combination on the Continent but with that affair I have nothing to do. It has always been a mystery to me why he has combined with Bailey but you may rely upon my going it alone here emphatically to your hearts content.

To

NOTE

FROM

GEO E. GOURAUD.  
6 LOMBARD STREET EC.  
LONDON. 7 Nov. 1878.

J. A. Edison Esq.  
Menlo Park  
New Jersey

My dear Edison;

Colt Reynolds a Director in  
Bell's Company and who really organized  
it and brought out Bell here has just  
arrived from America with a letter  
of introduction from Genl Palmer to  
myself in connection with other business  
and to his surprise and apparent satisfaction  
found that I was your Representative in  
the telephone matter. We have had  
two hours talk the gist of which is  
that he says the present Manager is an  
ass and will immediately be replaced  
and he found at a meeting of that Board  
yesterday an evident determination under  
the counsels of McChesne to pitch in at  
once with legal proceedings but that  
after he (Reynolds) had expressed  
himself as opposed to any such  
procedure the tactics were at once changed  
and the essence of what Reynolds  
says is that he is against fighting  
whether there is infringement or not.  
That to fight on infringement would be  
very expensive and possibly fruitless.

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and that it was his opinion that if there was another telephone in the world likely to be better than Bells and independent of it it would be yours and that the Board agreed to take no steps in the legal direction until they had exhausted the subject in other ways. I was very cordial with him but quite "non-committal" except in so far as to state to him that he would no doubt be able to thoroughly satisfy himself that your telephone with the new Receiver was wholly independent of Bells and that upon that theory we should proceed with our organization whatever might be the action of the Bell Company but that he might rely upon any propositions or suggestions from them receiving most careful consideration.

It happens that the object of Reynolds' letter of introduction to me was to get my services in a matter of far more importance to himself than his telephone business is.

I am waiting with all possible patience the arrival of the new Receiver meanwhile the nucleus for the Edison Telephone Company is increasing daily in strength.

Yours very truly  
Geo. E. Howard

(2) per H. H. H. H.



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and Nov 11-78

The For and Station  
including letter

T. A. EDISON.

Menlo Park, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_ 187

Nov 9, 76  
The Clarence Carey off on a  
Wedding trip will not  
return for a month.  
ALG

my proposition in reference  
to transfer of agency for the  
Telephone and stating  
that release and Cash could  
be sent shortly, since  
which time I have received

1878  
Montreal Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

Dear Edison

I rec<sup>d</sup>. a note from  
you dated Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> accepting  
my proposition in reference  
to transfer of agency for the  
Telephone and stating  
that release and cash would  
be sent shortly, since  
which time I have received



nothing further in refer-  
ence thereto.

Please explain  
and oblige

Yours sincerely  
J. M. Badger

T. A. EDISON.

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Menlo Park, N. J.,

Nov 11 1878

J. H. Moxley  
13 Barclay st NY

Let the rec'd. do not come  
about my letter  
S L Griffin

9 Collect  
# 30044  
of M.A.

T. A. EDISON.

2 ms

Menlo Park, N. J.,

Nov 11 1878

Gouraud  
London

Alone emphatically refers to

Bailey See your own letter

11 Paid Menlo Park N.J. Nov 11 1878

10<sup>30</sup> a m  
9 ma

L. G. Tillotson & Co.,

Manufacturers, Importers and Dealers in

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Car Upholstery and Trimmings of every description,

L. G. TILLOTSON,  
E. S. SHELLEY,

No. 8 Dey Street,

P. O. Box 1714.

New York, Nov 14 1878

J. A. Edison Esq  
Menlo Park N.J

Dear Sir

In reply to yours  
of 5th will say we  
when we wrote your Oct 2nd  
we had to submit estimates  
for a telephone system and  
thinking the Edison the best  
wanted to figure on them  
if possible. On receipt of  
yours of Oct 4th we handed  
in our estimate based on  
another telephone as being  
was too short to wait for  
advice from Paris. There  
is nothing more to be done  
in the matter if we do not  
get the contract. If we do  
want the Carbon telephone  
will not cost much more  
the one we estimated on we  
may then open the matter

22- To prevent loss, please make remittances by Draft, Post-Office Order or Registered Letter.

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New York, \_\_\_\_\_ 187

again. Meanwhile if  
we have occasion to  
send other estimates to  
that country we will  
advise you and shall  
be glad to have your  
figures subject of course  
to conditions named by  
your Paris agent.

Yours Truly  
L. G. Tillotson

NY Nov 14 78

L. G. Tillotson & Co

Regarding Spanish telephones

New York, March 14, 1868.

J. M. Edison Esq.

Manhatten Park.

Dear Sir,

I am obliged to you for  
favor of 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. and shall  
transmit vouchers to my Japan  
friends, one of the partners of  
which is at present in Europe.

Please state what Commission  
or the name you would be  
also whether you would be  
satisfied to place the Agency  
of your firmments for Japan  
China, Philippines & Poland &  
just the hands of my friends  
all A. I. Successors and under  
what conditions. Your early  
reply will oblige me.  
Wm. H. Miller Esq. C. M. H. Co. New York

one thousand dollars  
as soon as the paper  
has been received.

Yours truly  
George W. Wadsworth  
New York

GOLD & STOCK TELEGRAPH CO.

G. Wadsworth, Vice-Pres.  
P. O. Box 545.

New York, Nov. 23, 1878

Thomas A. Edison Esq  
Menlo Park  
New Jersey.

I enclose you  
have with the papers for  
assignment of your  
Canadian Patent. Please  
return same by mail or  
express this time. And  
will them and the  
papers to be signed by  
Boddy to Montreal  
with instructions to our  
agent to deliver us  
in his favor for

J- Cable Dec 5, 78

Edison  
Menlo Park  
New Jersey

Brandon received today  
fifty thousand  
Puskas

9 paris  
maly



## Les Soussignés :

1. M<sup>r</sup>. Alfred Berthon, Ingénieur Civil,  
Demeurant à Paris, 51, rue de la Chaussée d'Antin;

D'une première part,  
2. M<sup>r</sup>. Joshua Franklin Bailey, Négociant  
Demeurant à Paris, rue St Arnaud N. 2;

D'une deuxième part,  
3. M<sup>r</sup>. Elysée Puskas, Négociant,  
Demeurant à Paris-Auteuil, Villa Montmorency;

D'une troisième part,  
4. M<sup>r</sup>. Georges Alexia - Godillot,  
Négociant, Demeurant à Paris, rue Rochecrouart 54;

D'une quatrième part,  
5. M<sup>r</sup>. Alphonse Branoy, Chevalier de  
la Légion d'Honneur, propriétaire, Demeurant à  
Paris, 61, rue Rochecrouart, D'une 5<sup>ème</sup> part,

6. M<sup>r</sup>. Alfred Chataud, Ingénieur Civil,  
Demeurant à Paris, 40, rue de Berlin;

D'une sixième part,  
7. M<sup>r</sup>. Louis William Evans modern  
dentiste, Demeurant à Paris, 18 rue de la Paix

D'une septième part,

Sont convenus de ce  
qui suit :

### Article 1<sup>er</sup> :

Il est formé entre les Soussignés une  
Société Commerciale qui sera en nom collectif  
à l'égard de M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Berthon, Bailey et Puskas,

et en Commandite seulement, à l'égard de M. M.  
Alexis-Godillot, Branoy & Chataud,

Laquelle Société aura pour objet l'exploita-  
tion des Brevets français ci-après désignés, et  
pour les Téléphones parlants & leurs accessoires.

Art. 2.

La durée de la Société sera de Trois années  
concomitantes à compter du premier Janvier mil  
huit cent soixante-dix-neuf.

Art. 3.

Le Siège Social sera à Paris,  
Avenue de l'Opéra, N° 45, —

Il pourra être, du consentement unanime,  
transporté partout ailleurs.

Art. 4.

La raison sociale sera :

" Société du Téléphone Edison "

La signature sociale sera :

" A. Berthon & C<sup>e</sup> "

Les trois associés en nom collectif  
auront la signature sociale; ils ne pourront  
en faire usage que pour les besoins & affaires  
de la Société inscrits sur les livres, à peine de nul

Toute acceptation ou souscription d'effets  
Commerciaux devra être signée par M. Berthon  
par l'un de M. M. Bailey & Prokas, pour être  
valable. Il en sera de même de toute entreprise  
ou marché dépassant Dix mille francs.

Art. 5.

Les Associés en nom collectif devront tout leur

temps et tout leur soin aux affaires de la société, néanmoins, M. M. Bailey et Puskas pourront, à tour de rôle, s'absenter, pourvu que l'un d'eux reste toujours à la société.

### Article 6.

Le fonds social est fixé à Deux cent mille francs, qui sont fournis, savoir :

Par M. Berthou, à concurrence de : —  
 Vingt-cinq mille francs, c. — — — — — 25,000. f.  
 par M. Georges Alexis-Godillot  
 quatre-vingt-cinq mille francs 85,000  
 par M. Roumey, cinquante mille 50,000  
 par M. Chatard, quinze mille francs 15,000  
 par M. Elans, sept-cinq mille 35,000.

Somme pareille 200,000. f.

M. M. Bailey & Puskas apportent à la Société, pour les trois années de sa durée, et moyennant une somme de Cent mille francs, qui leur a été présentement versée sur le fonds social la jouissance du Brevet français ci-après, savoir :

1. La jouissance du brevet français de cinq ans du 19 Décembre 1877, N° 121,637, appartenant à M. E. Thomas Alva Edison, pour des perfectionnements dans les instruments pour contrôler par le son, la transmission des courants électriques et la reproduction de son correspondant au lointain avec jouissance du certificat d'addition, de même le

Est reçu et mon apporté dans la Société tout ce qui dans le brevet Edison concerne le phonographe.

2° La jouissance du Brevet Français De 15 ans, pour des perfectionnements aux téléphones Du 5 février 1878, N° 122, 452, pris par M. M<sup>rs</sup> Roosevelt & Breguet.

Est reçu et mon apporté dans la Société la partie de ce brevet concernant les téléphones à membrane unique.

3° La jouissance du Brevet Français De 15 ans, N° 124, 606, du 10 mai dernier et devant expirer le 2 mai 1892, pour des perfectionnements dans le téléphones parlants et leur accessoires, appartenant à Monsieur Bailey.

4° La jouissance du brevet français Du dix Mai dernier, N° 124, 406, pour des perfectionnements dans les téléphones et leur appareils accessoires, appartenant à M<sup>rs</sup> Eliza Gray.

5° La jouissance Du brevet Français De 15 ans, pour un appareil de transmission téléphonique, dit Microphone parlant, du 21 juin 1878, N° 16, appartenant à Monsieur Verrey.

6° La jouissance du brevet De 15 ans, pour un appareil électrique applicable aux transmissions téléphoniques et autres, du 25 septembre 1878, N° 148, enregistré N° 115271, appartenant à Monsieur Mandonville & Bailey.

Ensemble, la jouissance de tous perfectionnements pris ou à prendre pour le dit brevet, sauf pour

la part à réserver et en des us spécifiques des Brevets Edison (phonographe), et Roosevelt et Breguet (téléphone à membrane unique).

Les deux cent mille francs du fonds social produiront des intérêts sur le pied de cinq pour cent par an, payable par semestre à chacun des associés faisant l'apport espèce, au prorata de leur apport.

Art. 7.

Les opérations de la Société seront constatées par des écritures régulières, tenues conformément à la loi. Les écritures seront constamment à jour.

Pour les six mois, c'est à dire le 31 juin et le 31 décembre, et pour la 1<sup>re</sup> fois le 30 juin 1879, il sera dressé un inventaire général de la situation active & passive de la Société.

Ces Inventaires seront transmis sur un Régistre spécial et devront être signés par les Gérants.

Les Commissaires auront un délai de vingt jours pour contrôler ces Inventaires, à partir de la remise d'une copie certifiée du résumé de l'inventaire que les Gérants devront leur faire tenir dans le délai de dix jours de leur date. Passé le délai de vingt jours, si et en l'absence de toute contestation, l'inventaire sera réputé approuvé.

Art. 8.

M. Berthon aura droit à un prélèvement mensuel de 2000 francs.

Et M. Bailey & Bessières auront droit chacun à un prélèvement mensuel de cinq cents francs. Ces prélèvements seront portés au Compte

de Train généraux.

### Art. 9.

Le Train généraux comprendront, en outre  
dans les éléments ci-dessus :

Le intérêt du Capital social ;

Le loyer du lieu de l'exploitation seulement  
lors qu'il sera en nom collectif devant habiter dans  
le siège social.

Les frais de voyage en France, pour les affaires  
de la société, les appointements des Commis, ouvriers  
et Employés, les impôts de toute nature et les assurances.

Les annuités des Brevets resteront à la charge  
des propriétaires dudit brevet.

### Art. 10.

Les bénéfices de la société, déduction faite des frais  
généraux, seront partagés, par moitié :

Une moitié appartenant à M. M. Bailey &  
Puthas, qui se la partageront, savoir : Une tierce à  
M. Bailey et deux tiers à M. Puthas. Etant  
ici expliqué qu'il se partagera dans la même proportion  
la cent mille francs à eux versés sur le fonds social.

Le cas de transformation ci-après prévu, se la-  
issant, M. M. Bailey & Puthas se partageraient  
leurs bénéfices, parts ou actions dans la même propor-  
tion de deux tiers à M. Puthas et d'un tiers à  
M. Bailey.

Dans tous les cas, ils partageraient dans la  
même proportion, les pertes pouvant tomber à leur  
charge.

La seconde moitié des bénéfices totaux appartiendra

à M. Berthon et aux Commanditaires  
pour se la partager, dans la proportion et au prorata  
de leur mise de fonds.

Les pertes seront supportées dans la même pro-  
portion, dans tout espoir que les Commanditaires puis-  
sent être obligés au-delà de leur mise sociale.

Les bénéfices seront répartis, tous les se-  
maines, en même temps que les intérêts des  
apports en espèces.

### Art. 11.

La dissolution de la société pourrait être de-  
clarée, par l'un ou l'autre des associés, dans le  
cas où l'un d'eux inventerait la société de trouverait en  
perte de cent mille francs, moitié du Capital  
social.

### Art. 12.

En cas de décès de l'un ou de deux des associés  
en nom collectif, la société continuerait avec les Nouveaux  
Associés et Représentants, et les autres membres de  
la société.

Les Nouveaux Associés et Représentants du ou  
des associés décédés deviendraient simples Commis-  
saires et n'auraient droit qu'à leur part de bé-  
néfices afférents à la mise sociale de M. Berthon  
sans avoir droit au prélèvement de ce dernier.

En outre, si c'était M. Berthon qui  
viendrait à décéder, le commanditaire aurait le droit  
de le faire remplacer par toute autre personne qu'elle  
présenterait et qui devrait tenir de fournir la mise  
sociale de M. Berthon. Dans ce cas, le Nouveau,

héritier et représentant, du décès n'auraient droit  
qu'à ce remboursement de leur apport  
et d'une indemnité égale à cet apport, qui leur serait  
payée par le nouvel associé.

Le décès de l'un des associés commanditaires  
ne modifierait en rien la société qui continuerait avec  
ses Veuves, héritiers et représentants qui s'ils étaient  
plusieurs, devraient se faire représenter par l'un d'eux  
seul, pour toute vérification d'écriture, perception  
de l'intérêt et bénéfices dans aucun cas, pas d'inventaire  
ni sceller, mais, seulement inventaire commercial.

#### Art. 13.

À l'expiration du terme fixé pour la durée,  
et sans la prévision ci-après stipulée pour la  
continuation et la transformation de la société,  
la liquidation en serait faite par les associés  
en nom collectif.

M. M. Bailey & Pustkas reprendraient leurs  
apports en nature et les autres associés reprendraient  
leurs apports respectifs, sur les premiers fonds réali-  
sés par la liquidation.

Il serait procédé, de même, en cas de liqui-  
dation anticipée.

#### Art. 14.

La présente société, en nom collectif et en  
commandite simple n'étant formée qu'en titre d'essai  
et en prévision d'une transformation si l'exploitation  
en présente la possibilité, il est dès à présent, spécia-  
lement convenu que chacun des associés pourra deman-  
der, même au cours des trois années de la présente  
société,

la transformation de cette société en société en  
commandite, par actions, au capital de Trois millions  
cinq cent mille francs pour tout ce qui resterait à  
couvrir de la durée des brevets.

Ci-dessus, M. M. Bailey & Pustkas qui de-  
mandent cette transformation, et que l'une ou l'autre  
des autres parties n'y adhère pas, M. M. Bailey  
et Pustkas pourront, au mois après une mise en  
demeure à chacun des Membres de la société, mise  
en demeure faite par simple lettre chargée, adressée  
personnellement à chaque membre, pourront, s'ils n'ont  
passé outre, en remboursant à celles des parties re-  
stant l'adhésion, le montant de leurs apports inté-  
rêts, dividendes et bénéfices, au jour du remboursement  
et la nouvelle société en commandite par actions se  
formerait alors entre M. M. Bailey & Pustkas, et  
les autres parties adhérentes et toutes personnes  
qui adhèreraient aux statuts sur les bases ci-  
après stipulées.

#### Art. 15.

Dans le cas où M. Georges Alexis Godillot  
entrerait dans la société transformée puisqu'il a été  
dit ci-dessus, il se réserve la faculté de devenir  
associé gérant, si bon lui semble, ou de désigner un  
ou plusieurs gérants pour la nouvelle société.

#### Art. 16.

M. M. Bailey & Pustkas appartiennent  
dans la nouvelle société la propriété des brevets  
dont ils appartiennent la jouissance actuellement  
et la portion réservée aux brevets dans les



La nouvelle société, pour l'apport ne consistant pas en une somme d'argent, et pour les avantages particuliers stipulés tant pour les brevets que pour les fondateurs, serait soumise aux deux délibérations des assemblées générales prévues par la loi du 24 juillet, qui seront observées selon leur bon sens contenu pour la validité du pacte social.

On m'a vu à son bureau, M<sup>rs</sup> Bailey & Luskas, l'ingénieur a obtenu  
son pouvoir de breveter, notamment pour procédés de

Art. 19 - Pour déposer et publier les présenter, tous pouvoirs

Fait à Paris le Cinq Décembre 1844

depois legando.

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New York Dec 7-78

T.A. Edison Esq  
Dr Sir

I have finally succeeded in  
obtaining from Bergmanns Ten (10) box Telephones  
the royalty for which I will remit you  
in a few days - In order to provide for  
damage enroute I should like to send  
Smith a few extra buttons so that he may  
replace any that are broken - will you  
kindly therefore send some a dozen or two  
at your earliest convenience & thereby  
very much oblige

Yours Truly

LA Ludwig  
197 Broadway

To.

M. A. Edison Esq  
Westerly Bldg  
New Jersey

NOTE

FROM

GEO E GOURAUD.  
6 LOWARD STREET EC.  
LONDON. ENGLAND 1878.

I have enclosed the Telephones  
and Compilants for Charleston.

Telephones Exchanges in America

I have enclosed a few printed papers  
concerning the same, and you get from  
some information as to the number  
of Exchanges in the United States in  
which the Telephone Exchanges system  
has been inaugurated and a few  
examples of its rapid growth,  
giving statistics.

I am anxiously awaiting your answers  
to say nothing of Mr. Edison's light.  
Hope you will not have forgotten  
to write me the day the new  
New York Wall.

Geo. E. Gouraud  
for Edison

Edison's  
Electric & Multiplying Press  
address  
Geo. W. Blinn  
General Manager 142 So. La Salle St.  
Chicago, Ill. C. M. 1878

T. T. Edison Esq.  
Ulenlo Park N. J.

Dear Sir,

Please send me  
particulars of the foreign  
Telephone Sale & the amount  
of money which you have  
for me. As "my friends"  
all say I am "busted", You  
cannot do a better thing for  
me than to send on my  
share of the spoils. I  
shall be very glad to  
receive it.

Respectfully.

Geo. W. Blinn  
Gen. Mgr.

21. Mar. 2nd 1878 Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1878

**Received** from Thomas A. Edison

One thousand Dollars.

On account of French Telephone agreement.

\$ 1000<sup>00</sup> Chas. Batchelor

**EDISON'S  
ELECTRIC PEN PRESS**

Address  
**GEORGE H. BLISS,**  
Genl. Manager.

142 La Salle Street, Chicago, Dec. 16 1878

T. A. Edison Esq.  
Menlo Park, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Your check for two hundred dollars on account of the Puckas Telephone Sale for France is the first ray of genuine sunshine which has fallen on me in a long time.

I hope it is a happy omen of the return of something like my old luck.

It is needless for me to add anything in expressing appreciation for the friendship from which this remuneration came.

Please accept this as your receipt.

Respectfully

Geo. H. Bliss

T. A. EDISON.

1 Menlo Park, N. J., Dec 16 1877

Ruskas

Paris

For Adams Allen sails Algeria

7 paid Menlo Park Dec 16

8 Pm.  
9 1/2

7 3/4  
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5 4  
57 0 8

New York Dec 26-78

JA Edison Co.

Dr Sir

Enclosed please find check

for \$122<sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub> - items as follows

Royalty on 12 Telephones @ \$10<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> each \$120<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

2 Doz Carbon Buttons @ 10<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> each 240  
\$122<sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

This accounts for all Telephones obtained by  
me up to date <sup>since last payment</sup> Please acknowledge receipt  
of check & oblige

Very truly yours

HA Ludwig

197 Broadway

P.S. Many thanks for your kindness in waiting  
payment

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New York 124

T. A. Edison

Prace  
says Adams all  
right, goes to Paris  
tomorrow.

Greens

(C.C.S.)

THE EDISON  
SPEAKING-TELEPHONE COMPANY OF LONDON,  
LIMITED.

*Incorporated under the Companies' Acts, 1862 and 1867, whereby the liability of each Shareholder is limited to the amount of the Shares he subscribes for.*

CAPITAL .... £ in SHARES of £1 EACH.

FIRST ISSUE of SHARES, payable as follows:-  
per Share on Application.  
" " " Allotment.

Shareholders desiring to pay up their Shares in full will have the option of so doing

Further issues of Shares will be made as the Company may require further Capital, when application from Subscribers to the present issue will have priority over all others.

DIRECTORS.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BANKERS.

BROKERS.

SOLICITORS.

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Messrs. BREWER & JENSEN, 38, Chancery Lane.

CONSULTING ELECTRICIANS.

THOMAS ALVA EDISON.

TELEPHONE ENGINEER.

SECRETARY & MANAGER.

OFFICES.

The Directors have obtained from the eminent inventor, Mr. THOMAS ALVA EDISON, the sole right to furnish upon lease or otherwise within the limits mentioned on the other side, EDISON'S CANNON SPEAKING-TELEPHONE, together with all improvements of the same which he may hereafter make.



Excepting the Phonograph, also the invention of Mr. Edison, probably no invention ever excited so much interest and astonishment as the Telephone. The attention of the public having been so recently drawn to the subject in its practical as well as theoretical aspect it will be unnecessary to refer to the objects which Telephones attain.

The first instruments of the kind introduced into this Country have been found to be limited in their practical utility, owing to the faintness with which the voice reaches the listener, the uncertainty of their action and their total impracticability upon wires of great length.

Mr. EDISON, by an entirely different system, has succeeded in producing an instrument which not only supplies all the deficiencies in question, but has carried the practical utility of the Telephone beyond the most sanguine expectations originally formed.

By means of Edison's Telephone, it is possible to converse at almost any distance, the voice being perfectly recognizable and as clear and distinct as in ordinary conversation. Music performed at one end of the wire is re-produced with unflinching accuracy at the other. Where desired, the instrument may be so adjusted as to emit the words or sounds transmitted in sufficient volume to be heard throughout a large room.

These Telephones are also adaptable to great lengths of wire, conversation having thus far been successfully carried on between PHILADELPHIA and BALTIMORE *via* PITTSBURGH, a distance of about 700 miles. The first pair of instruments having been but recently received in this Country, only the following trials over long distances have as yet been made, *viz.* :—

Between LONDON and DOVER,  
DOVER and CALAIS,  
and DOVER and BRUSSELS *via* OSTEND,

thus clearly demonstrating the efficiency of the Telephone under the various conditions of overhead and underground land-lines; and sub-marine cables, separately, and in combination.

The superiority of these Telephones over the existing Telegraphic Instruments and Speaking-tubes will inevitably lead to their superseding those systems, whilst their complete efficiency and extreme simplicity must render certain their adoption for the large number of purposes to which all existing means of communication are entirely unavailable.

It is impossible to define a limit to the practical application of a system affording such simple and convenient means of communication; the Directors would however suggest the wide field of operations the Company have immediately open to them in the supply of Telephones for houses, stables, to connect outlying buildings, offices with works, branch-warehouses, &c., as well as the still larger field of usefulness in bringing the inhabitants of one town into direct communication with those of another.

The formation of Associations, with the object of rendering the Telephone available for the use of the general public, will probably result upon its advantages becoming fully realized, and the supply of instruments and material to such Associations will be another source of revenue to this Company, in addition to the large demands which may reasonably be expected from more private sources.

The district within which this Company has the sole right to manufacture, buy, sell or lease Edison's Telephone is as follows :—

Comprising the parishes of  
in addition to all other places which may not be included in a license to any other Company or person save and except the supply to Railway Companies.

It is proposed that the Company should supply Telephones on lease at an annual rental, connect them with existing wires or undertake the laying of new wires where necessary.

Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, together with the Contract between Mr. EDISON and the Company, may be inspected at the Offices.

(First Proof)

THE BRITISH RAILWAYS  
SPEAKING-TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED,  
EDISON'S PATENTS.

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CAPITAL .... £100,000, in SHARES of £1 EACH.

First Issue of 25,000 Shares, payable as follows on Allotment:—

Provision is made by which Shareholders who so desire may pay up their Shares in full.

Further issues will be made as the business may require further Capital. In respect to further issues applications from Subscribers to the first issue will take precedence over all others.

The Company is registered under the Companies' Acts, 1862, 1867, and 1877, by which the Liability of Shareholders is limited to the amount of their Shares.

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DIRECTORS.

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The Directors have been fortunate in securing from the world-renowned inventor, Mr. THOMAS ALVA EDISON, a license under his Speaking-Telephone Patents by which the Company will enjoy the exclusive right of furnishing upon lease or otherwise what is known as the Edison Carbon Telephone as well as all improvements of the same which he may hereafter make, so far as its use may be applied to the Railway Companies of Great Britain.

The purposes of the Telephone are already too well known to render any lengthy description necessary.

Excepting the Phonograph, also the invention of Mr. Edison, it may be safely said that no invention ever excited so much interest and astonishment as the Telephone.

The first instruments of the kind, brought before the public in this Country, were what is known as Magneto-Telephones, which however have been found to be limited in their practical utility owing to the faintness with which the voice reached the listener, the uncertainty of their action and their total impracticability upon wires of great length.

Mr. Edison's invention not only supplies all the deficiencies in question, but has carried the practical utility of the Telephone beyond the most sanguine expectations originally formed.

By means of the Edison Telephone, it is possible to converse at almost any distance, the tone of voice being perfectly recognizable and as clear and distinct as in ordinary conversation. Where desired, the instrument may be so adjusted as to reproduce the sounds at the receiving end in sufficient volume to be heard throughout a large room.

These Telephones are also adaptable to great lengths of wire, conversation having thus far been carried on between points miles apart in America. The first pair of instruments having been but recently received in this Country, only the following trials over long distances have as yet been made, viz. :—

Between LONDON and DOVER,  
DOVER and CALAIS,  
and DOVER and BRUSSELS, *via* OSTEND,

thus clearly demonstrating their efficiency under the various conditions of overhead and underground land lines and sub-marine cables separately, and in combination.

The efficiency and simplicity of Edison's Telephone will thus put the different Managers and Employés into direct communication with each other without loss of time or possibility of error, thus materially diminishing the risk of accidents and permitting the more expeditious and economical discharge of all business.

It is difficult to define a limit to the practical application of a system affording such conveniences as the instruments in question.

The annexed Table of Statistics will give some idea of the extent to which Telegraphic Instruments are now used by Railway Companies, and afford a basis for estimating the profits which this Company may reasonably expect to derive from supplying Telephones to supersede those instruments besides the still larger number which will doubtless be used for purposes to which all existing systems of communication are entirely unavailable.

It is proposed to lease the Telephones at an annual rental, and it is believed by the Directors whose opinion is supported by numerous gentlemen of experience connected with Railways that a large business will be done.

The only Contract which has been entered into is between the Company on the one part and THOMAS ALVA EDISON on the other part. This contract may be inspected at the offices of the Company and is to the following effect :

#### Summary of Contract with Mr. EDISON.

- 1.—The Company to have the exclusive right to sell or lease to the Railway Companies of Great Britain, Edison's Speaking Telephone.
- 2.—For which purpose the Company may either manufacture or purchase the necessary instruments.
- 3.—Mr. Edison to receive a Royalty of \_\_\_\_\_ per cent. of the price charged by the Company either for rental or sales.
- 4.—Mr. Edison to receive not less than \_\_\_\_\_ per instrument if sold or \_\_\_\_\_ per annum if leased.
- 5.—The sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid to Mr. Edison in advance on account of Royalties. No further payments or credits will be made to him until the advanced payment is worked off.
- 6.—Mr. Edison to have the right of appointing one Director at any election of Directors who shall also be a Member of the Executive Committee, such Director to be entitled to appear and vote by proxy, having one vote on the Board and at Shareholders' Meetings a vote equal to \_\_\_\_\_ per cent. of the total share issue being proportionate to Mr. Edison's Royalty.

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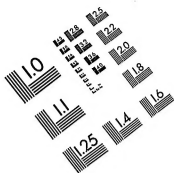
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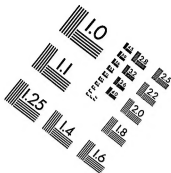
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